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## EDITOR OF LOCAL PAPER IN COURT.

Legality of Ordinance in Dispute.

### A TECHNICAL CASE.

A submission that the Enabling Ordinances of 1922 were ultra vires to the constitution of the Colony and that, further, the Regulation of Hong Kong referring to censorship was outside the Ordinance, was made by Mr. F. H. Loseby at the Central Magistracy this morning, in a case in which the Editors and printers of the Wah Kiu Yat Po and Nam Keung Po were summoned for having printed, published and distributed their paper containing matter in the Chinese language (other than a bona fide trade advertisement), which had not been previously submitted to the Secretariat of Chinese Affairs. Mr. Loseby appeared for the Editors of the Wah Kiu Yat Po.

The printer of the Chung Wah Yat Po and the Editor of the Nam Cheung Po were also summoned on a similar charge. Mr. J. T. Prior appeared on their behalf. Pleas of not guilty were entered.

### Unfair Conditions.

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith (Assistant Crown Solicitor), opening the case for the prosecution, said that he did not intend to enlarge on the facts, which were simply that these newspapers, one on the 18th and another on the 19th, published articles which had not been submitted to the S.C.A. for censorship.

"I think I may say that it is not alleged that there is anything particularly objectionable about the articles. Similar articles have been published in other papers, but they had previously been censored. What is really an objectionable feature is that the offending papers are able to steal a march on the others and get the information to the public sooner," said counsel.

His Worship: What, in fact, are these articles?

Counsel: They refer to the so-called strike at the prison.

Counsel went on to say that another point arose, and that was that the publishers and printers were not to know that such articles would have been passed by the Censor. That was apt to have a bad effect because publishers who were law abiding felt that it was not fair that others should publish articles without being censored. They felt, in fact, that they were losing by being censored.

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His Worship asked Mr. Loseby what his defence would be, and Mr. Loseby replied that he would maintain that the Ordinance was ultra vires.

Mr. Prior, replying to his Worship, said his defence would rest on the same ground. As to the facts the only objection he made to the prosecution's submission was that Mr. Whyte-Smith had said that similar articles in other papers had been censored, and it was hardly fair to have them lose time in publishing. In actual fact, reports were put in these Chinese papers by the morning of the 18th, and were thus published before those complained of.

Also, his clients possibly saw no harm in publishing articles the substance of which had already appeared. The question of fairness, as put forward by the prosecution, was therefore disposed of.

### Ordinance Ultra Vires?

His Worship (to Mr. Loseby): Do I understand that you are going to attempt to maintain that the Ordinance is ultra vires to the constitution of the Colony?

Mr. Loseby replied that that would be his submission, but that he had very little time to study the facts of the case, and would like an adjournment.

His Worship: Do you further suggest that the Regulation is outside the Ordinance?

Mr. Loseby replied that he might suggest that. He added that it might be possible that the Regulation itself was ultra vires. However, he wished to go fully into the matter.

Replying to his Worship, Mr.

## ILLICIT TRAFFIC IN OPIUM.

Far Eastern Conditions Seen by Commission.

### CHINA NOT COVERED

Geneva, Yesterday.

The League Council has accepted Siam's invitation to hold an opium smoking conference in Bangkok in November. The Council adopted the report of the Commission of Inquiry into opium smoking, covering all Far Eastern countries except China, which was not visited because it was not invited by the Chinese Government.

The report stated that the illicit traffic in opium prevented a complete suppression of opium smoking, although in some territories it was better controlled and partially reduced.

The Commission urged the League to do its utmost to assist Government's control of the illicit traffic by the limitation of poppy cultivation and preventive measures against smuggling and illicit use of the drug.

M. Ali Khan (Persia) said that poppy cultivation in Persia would be suppressed if the League would financially assist if necessary.

Mr. Marshall (India) said that the Government of India had not yet received the report, but he personally supported the Chinese representative and protested against the statements contained in the report regarding the situation in the interior of China.—Reuter.

### WORLD'S IDLE.

SAID TO APPROXIMATE

20,000,000.

DOUBLE PREVIOUS YEAR.

Geneva, Yesterday.

There are over 11,000,000 unemployed persons in Europe, namely over the double amount a year ago, it is estimated by the International Labour Office. The world's unemployed approximate 20,000,000.—Reuter.

### VIOLENT STORM.

RUSSIAN STEAMER SINKS IN BLACK SEA.

PASSENGERS DROWNED.

Bucharest, Yesterday.

During a violent storm in the Black Sea the Russian steamer Zvezda sank, 14 passengers and 36 members of the crew being drowned. Numerous fishing boats are missing.—Reuter.

### THEFTS FROM SHIPS.

FITTER JAILED FOR STEALING COPPER.

Several larcenies from steamers lying at Takuo Docks were mentioned before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Police Court this morning. Mr. G. Bird (head watchman) appeared for the Dockyard.

A fitter was given four weeks' jail for the theft of some sheet copper from on board the N.Y.K. motor vessel Asama Maru. Mr. K. Mizutani, an officer, stated that the copper had been cut from a plating in the engine room.

In the second case, an odd job cooie was moted out with a similar penalty for the theft of a piece of lead piping, the property of Takuo Docks. Mr. Bird said that the piping had been definitely cut off from a ship under repair.

Two other odd job cooies were each fined \$10 or in default, fourteen days' jail for the theft of a pot of paint.

Whyte-Smith stated that although the Hon. Mr. A. E. Wood (Secretary for Chinese Affairs, who was present in Court) would be going away next week, he did not think his attendance would be necessary.

His Worship accordingly adjourned the case until January 28 (Wednesday) at 2.15 p.m. when the legal argument for the defence will be heard.

## DEFEAT FOR FRENCH GOVERNMENT.

Sequel to Debate on Agriculture.

### CABINET RESIGNS.

Paris, Yesterday.

In the Chamber to-day the Government were defeated by 293 votes to 283 on a debate arising out of the interpellation of the wheat policy, and decided to resign.—Reuter.

Parliament to Decide.

M. Steeg envisaged the Cabinet's collective resignation, but M. Boret and M. Meyer proposed individual resignation. At last the Cabinet agreed that Parliament will decide.

Another Report.

The Government were beaten in the Chamber on the agricultural question. M. Steeg resigned.—Havas.

Minister Blamed.

The President has accepted the Cabinet's resignation. The Government's defeat was the result of an open disagreement by M. Meyer, Under-Secretary of National Economy, with the policy announced by the Minister of Agriculture, M. Boret, last week, to raise the wheat prices in the interests of the farmer. Subsequently it was discovered that M. Boret's plan was disclosed in a trade paper as far back as December, coincidental with which there was heavy wheat speculation. The motion on which the Government were defeated was moved by M. Buyat, a member of the Franklin Bouillon Group, who regretted that the speculative manoeuvres were due to a premature declaration by the Minister of Agriculture.—Reuter.

### KWANGSI WAR.

TROOPS TO UNITE AGAINST REDS.

### HONG KONG MEETING.

Canton, Yesterday.

Consequent on the departure from Hong Kong for Nanking of General Wang Shao-hung, who represented the Ironside-Kwangsi leaders to interview President Chiang, the Kwangsi situation appears more likely to be settled by pacific means. While staying in Hong Kong, General Wang is quoted as saying that he has been devoting his full energy to the early termination of the Kwangsi war, with the object of uniting the troops in the province for the suppression of Communist-bandits whose activities have spread to the extent of one-third of the province.

Supplies Exhausted.

In view of the rivers in Kwangsi having been subjected to blockade, since the outbreak of hostilities, the inhabitants in inland districts are in urgent need of daily commodities which had been exhausted a long time ago. General Wang has therefore requested C.-in-C. Chan Chai-tong, through Mr. Ho Tung, the chief officer attached to the 8th Route Army Headquarters, firstly to restore the communications, as an initial step for peace so as to meet the urgent demand of the people.

The Canton military executive is now considering this question, and will probably remove the obstruction to passage, when the insurgent leaders have expressed their loyalty to the Central Government by the circulation of a wire.

Second Step.

The second step taken is that the rebel leaders Li Tsung-yen, Chang Fat-kuei and Pei Huang-hai are to release another circular telegram, announcing their retirement and departure for foreign countries. The Central Government will then appoint a high officer to take over their troops. After that, the 8th Route (Canton) and 10th Route (Yunnan) armies will withdraw back to their respective provinces from Kwangsi.

Fine Conditions.

According to a report, General Wang Shao-hung told a Hong Kong pressman that he was carrying favourable conditions in connection with the settlement of the Kwangsi situation to the Central Government for decision, namely:

1. The reorganisation and dis-

## SENTENCE OF COURT MARTIAL.

Naval Officer Dismissed His Ship.

### SEVERELY REPRIMANDED.

Gibraltar, Yesterday.

The result of the Court-Martial held here to-day on the Commanding Officer and the Watch Officer of the Pandora (not the Proteus, as stated, yesterday) is now announced. The Watch Officer, Lieut. Turnbull, has been dismissed his ship and severely reprimanded for neglecting his duties as Watch Officer on December 16.—Reuter.

The submarine Pandora, accompanied by the Perseus, Poseidon, and Proteus, left Portsmouth on December 13 to form a new flotilla and replace the "L" Class vessels, and is reported to have collided with the Proteus in the Straits of Gibraltar on December 16.]

Lucia Mutiny.

London, Yesterday.

At the fourth and last of the Lucia court-martials, Able-Seaman Joseph Luck has been sentenced to six months' detention.—Reuter.

### EWING & CRICHTON MATCHED.

Middleweight Title Fight Arranged.

The China Mail learns that the much-discussed return bout between Seaman Harry Ewing, and Jack Crichton has become an established fact. The pair have accepted terms for a middleweight championship fight at the next tournament of the Hong Kong Boxing Association, which is scheduled for February 7.

This should prove a great attraction, and a capacity house is assured.

## U.S. LIQUOR LAWS TO BE MODIFIED?

Lively Discussion by Politicians.

### REPUBLICANS SCARED.

Washington, Yesterday.

The conflicting opinions expressed in the Wickersham Prohibition Report have started lively discussions among politicians. President Hoover's apparent condemnation of the proposals to modify Prohibition have seemingly frightened Republican bosses, who fear that a too decided attitude may split the Party at the next presidential election in 1932.

Senator Fess, Chairman of the Republic National Committee, has caused a sensation in political circles by denying after a private interview with the President that Mr. Hoover had irrevocably opposed any modification of the liquor laws. Senator Fess asserted that the President was keeping an open mind on the subject.—Reuter's American Service.

### IDLE TONNAGE.

CONDITIONS BAD AT PORT OF HAMBURG.

Hamburg, Yesterday.

The record of tonnage idle at the port consists of 67 steamers, aggregating roughly 900,000 tons.—Reuter.

bandment of Kwangsi troops; 2. The dispositions of Kwangsi troops; 3. The withdrawal of warrants of arrest against Li Tsung-yen and Pei Huang-hai; 4. The payment of \$100,000 each as travelling expenses to the above leaders; 5. Kwangsi to be governed by its native sons.

There is nothing mentioned in the above report regarding the Ironside, who it is said will be reorganised into Kwangsi Provincial Defence Corps.—Canton News Agency.

## GENERAL STRIKES TO BE LEGALISED?

Heated Debate on Trade Amendment Bill.

### REJECTION MOVED.

London, Yesterday.

In the House of Commons to-day, the Trade Disputes and Trade Union Amendment Bill, aimed at modifying the Trade Disputes Act, carried by the Conservative Government after the general strike of 1926, came up for second reading. The Attorney-General refuted the opposition's objection to the Bill, which legalised the general strike, and said that the Government proposed to place the Trade Unions in the same position as before the passage of the 1927 Act.

Danger to Liberty.

The Attorney-General said that under the new Bill a political strike or strike with an object other than that of furthering the trade dispute, became illegal.

Mr. Baldwin, in moving the rejection of the Bill, said that a compromise on the Bill was impossible. The Bill was a danger to individual liberty and certain circumstances of State.—Reuter.

### Debate Adjourned.

Later.

The House of Commons debate was adjourned to January 27.—Reuter.

### PRISONERS FREED.

OVER 163 INDIANS MARCH OUT OF JAIL.

### GOVERNMENT ORDER.

Nagpur, Yesterday.

Over 163 political prisoners marched out of Nagpur Jail in consequence of a local Government order to release men convicted before November 11, but not under the so-called "security" section.

### Desire for Peace.

New Delhi, Yesterday.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's declaration at the close of the Round Table Conference is regarded here as greatly altering the situation, and entailing a re-examination of the question of political prisoners. The Viceroy is reported to be impressed by the general desire for peace and the pacific temper of Congress, illustrated by compliance with the request of Mr. Sapru, Sir Srinivasa Sastri, and Mr. Jayakar.

Indian legislators claim that a decisive result will only be obtainable by the release of Gandhi and a dozen other Congress leaders, to enable them to confer. They hold that the question of a general amnesty can be considered later. The Viceroy's Executive Council held an emergency meeting to-day, it is believed in connection with this matter.—Reuter.

### Earlier News.

Allahabad, Yesterday.

The Congress working committee, which met here yesterday "to consider the situation arising from Mr. MacDonald's declaration, and advise the country thereon," arrived at an unanimous decision, the publication of which is postponed pending the arrival of Sir Tej Sapru and Messrs. Sastri and Jayakar, who called requesting its postponement.

Meanwhile, however, the Congress programme will be carried out.—Reuter.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Sir Akbar Hydari and members of the Hyderabad State delegation to the Indian Conference entertained the Premier, Mr. MacDonald, last night.

Sir Akbar Hydari said that during the conference, they had reached a degree of unanimity on the main issues which he regarded as a most remarkable achievement, and even were a settlement not reached, there had been a distinct relaxation of tension; and he paid a warm tribute to the sympathetic reception that Indian aspirations had received in Britain, and the intimate knowledge of Indian problems displayed by Mr. MacDonald.—British Wireless Service.

## LIBERIA DEFENDS ITSELF.

Reply to Charges of Slavery.

### MR. HENDERSON'S PRAISE.

Geneva, Yesterday.

The defence of Liberia against charges of slavery made in the report of the International Commission of Enquiry was undertaken by the Liberian Charge d'Affaires at a meeting of the Council of the League when he declared that there were corrupt officials everywhere, and pointed out that the Liberian Government asked for an international enquiry and accepted the Commission's recommendations and would carry them out within the limits of its resources as long as they did not undermine the sovereignty of the country.

Mr. Henderson praised the action of Liberia in proposing a Commission of Enquiry, and urged that there should be no great delay in carrying out the recommendations of the Commission. He hoped that Liberians' financial difficulties would be overcome and concluded by asking M. Zaleski to submit the proposals to the Council to remedy the deplorable situation in Liberia.—Reuter.

### DEMAND FOR SILVER.

TEN SHILLING NOTES NOT TO BE ABOLISHED.

### MR. SNOWDEN'S REPLY.

London, Yesterday.

In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Snowden replied in the negative to questions by Mr. S. S. Hammersley as to whether he would consider the re-introduction of silver coinage of pre-war fineness, and whether he was aware that it was estimated that 70,000,000 ounces had been marketed owing to the lower silver content of the present coinage.

Mr. Snowden said that he was not considering the abolition of ten-shilling notes in view of stimulating a greater demand for silver coinage.—Reuter.

### ANNA PAVLOVA.

DEATH OF FAMOUS RUSSIAN BALLERINA.

"THE DYING SWAN."

The Hague, Yesterday.

The death occurred to-day of Madame Anna Pavlova, the Russian ballerina, at the age of 45 years.—Reuter.

[Madame Anna Pavlova was born in Petrograd and was for a time connected with the Imperial Russian corps de ballet. She has appeared in the United States and all the principal European capitals and frequently toured Great Britain, where she finally made her home. Some years ago she established with her husband a ballet school in London. Madame Pavlova will be remembered by thousands all over the world who were moved by her exquisite interpretation of the "Dying Swan" dance, to the music of Saint-Saens. She was the greatest ballet danseuse of modern times.]

### CRUDE PETROLEUM.

U.S. IMPORTS TO BE LIMITED FOR THREE YEARS.

### BILL INTRODUCED.

Washington, Yesterday.

A Bill has been introduced in the Senate to limit the imports of crude petroleum for the next three years to 16,000,000 barrels yearly.—Reuter's American Service.

Jardine's new river steamer, the Paowu, was taken charge of by tugs just below Pootung Point, Shanghai, as the result of a winch freezing. The vessel was on the way to the Old Ningpo Wharf, and had to drop an anchor while turning, but when the time came to lift the anchor again it was found that the winch would not move, and the anchor had to be brought up by hand.

## NON-STOP FLIGHT TO CANTON.

American Pilot Takes Off from Shanghai To-day.

### PASSENGER SERVICE?

Shanghai, Yesterday.

Mr. G. W. Brophy, Manager and Pilot of the L. E. Gale Aviation Company, took off at 8.15 this morning in a Waco plane, aiming at a non-stop flight to Canton, en route to Manila.

Mr. Brophy's attempt is in the nature of a trial flight, with the object of later establishing a Shanghai Manila air mail and passenger service.—Reuter.

This flight down the south China coast and across the 650 miles of open sea that stretch between Canton and the capital of the Philippine Islands is being planned in an effort to demonstrate the practicability of an air and passenger service between the mainland and the islands.

Barring a mishap to the aeroplane or a sudden change for the worse in the prevailing weather conditions, Mr. Brophy expects to take off from Huangjiao in the Phoenix on Thursday next. Mr. A. W. Summers who is associated with Mr. Brophy in the local offices of The L. E. Gale Company stated last night that permission for the flight over Chinese territory and for landing at Foochow and Canton had been granted by the National Government authorities in Nanking. Telegraphic permission to land in Manila has also been received from the United States authorities in the Islands.

Stop at Foochow.

The first stop on the route will be made at Foochow, where arrangements have been made for refuelling the biplane before the resumption of the flight to Canton.

Upon the arrival in Canton, the aeroplane will be gone over thoroughly prior to the hop-off on the long, over-sea stretch to Manila. The cockpit of the Phoenix, which is designed to seat two persons, has been altered to allow for the installation of an extra fuel tank holding 50 gallons of petrol, thus giving a total of fuel capacity of 82 gallons. The distance from Canton to Manila is approximately 650 miles, a flight Mr. Brophy hopes to complete in from six to seven hours, unless strong head-winds are encountered on the way. With the added fuel tank, the biplane will have a flying range of almost 1,000 miles.

### Small Power Plant.

The aeroplane to be used for this flight is a Waco light training biplane powered by a hundred and twenty-five (125) Horse Power Warner motor, a much smaller power plant than is usually used for long distance flying. Mr. Brophy, however, is placing complete confidence in the motor, and is not carrying with him any of the emergency safety devices often carried by over-water flyers.

Mr. Brophy has had a long and varied experience in the field of aviation. Some years ago he maintained a flying school in Phoenix, Arizona. Later he served as an instructor in the Mexican air force, and as a pilot for the Mexico-Guatemala air mail company. Before coming out to the Far East, he was director of aviation in the Central American country of San Salvador.

### FINE.

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states: An anti-cyclone has formed over N. China, and a depression over the Sea of Japan.

The monsoon will freshen along the C.E. coast of China. Forecast:—N.E. winds; moderate; fine.

### Rainfall.

Rainfall to 10 a.m. to-day nil. Rainfall since January 1, 0.11 inch against an average of 0.80.

### Temperature.

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—

Hong Kong	65
Macao	65
Pratas Island	72
Manila	70
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Amoy	60
Swatow	62
Chetoo	80
Shanghai	86













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JAPAN PORTS (Freight Service).	Sanyo Maru	Fri., 6th Feb.
HAIPHONG via Huihow & Pakhoi (Fortnightly).	Tacoma Maru	Sun., 25th Jan.
KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (Every Sunday Noon).	Menado Maru	Thurs., 5th Feb.
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### DEPRESSION REACHES JAPAN.

Completion of N.Y.K. & O.S.K. Programmes.  
REQUIREMENTS EXCEEDED.

After a period of prosperity, the Japanese shipbuilding industry is now keenly feeling both local and world depression. This fact is brought into prominence by a review recently issued by no less an authority than Mr. Eisaburo Kusano. It is from his review that the following data has largely been collated. During 1929 Japan launched close on 165,000 tons gross of ships, a new high record since the war boom from 1916-1921. In February, 1930, there was approximately 210,000 tons under construction in Japanese yards, but now, notwithstanding the enormous building programme of the N.Y.K. and the O.S.K. (the main factor of the late shipbuilding revival in Japan), their programmes being virtually completed, "shipbuilders now already suffer from the acute want of work again."

During the first six months of last year 39 ships aggregating 110,000 tons were launched, while on July 1 there were 33 under construction, totalling 139,662 tons, 22 being Diesels of 127,810 tons, two ships, 235 tons of sailing ships, the remainder being steamers.

During the first half of 1930 12 vessels aggregating 107,000 tons were completed, including the motorships Chichibu Maru, Melbourne Maru, Hikawa Maru, Brisbane Maru, Helyo Maru, Tatsuta Maru, Terukuni Maru, Rio de Janeiro Maru, and Kinai Maru.

This comparatively wholesale completion and launching of important vessels leaves the outlook by no means encouraging, and it is evident that Japan's shipbuilding capacity to-day by far exceeds present requirements. Even with the recent revival, when there were 200,000 tons of ships under construction, only about 80 per cent of total equipment was engaged. Excess of extension of their capacity during the war boom is blamed for the present acute depression.

At the moment there are 11 industrial companies possessing 18 yards with 73 docks and 63 slips of over 1,000 tons capacity. How this equipment exceeds requirements is clearly shown by comparing the present state of affairs with the pre-war period.

The annual launching of ships in Japan fluctuated within narrow limits of the 50,000-ton mark before the war. Subsequently, however, the tonnage increased by leaps and bounds until in the year 1919 it reached a total of 610,000 tons.

In 1930 Japan ranked third in international shipbuilding, and her dockyards had thirteen times as much work to do as compared with pre-war days, and their building capacity was increased from 8 to 10 times due to the boom stimulation. Before the war there were five ship-

building companies operating six yards equipped with 17 slips. During the war the companies increased in number to 56 running 67 yards and 157 slips.

This rapid extension, which appears to have been somewhat reckless in view of later developments, provided for a phenomenal increase in the demand for slips in Japan, but builders were stimulated with the idea of the Imperial Navy's famous eight-eight fleet programme in view, and appeared satisfied that there would be ample work long after the war boom was over. The Washington Conference, however, put an end to their dreams, and construction soon sank to its former 50,000 tons level, which was Japan's average production from 1901-1915 and 1922 to 1927.

#### Sale of Second-Hand Tonnage.

But the decline in the volume of ships launched in and after 1927 was partly due to the import of second-hand European ships. With all European nations building the newest types of vessels necessary for both speed and economy in the struggle for trade supremacy, many old vessels were sold at bargain prices as unsuitable for the new era of competition. These were readily purchased by Japanese shipping concerns which needed to adjust the high prices of their boats on their registers. While on paper the scheme looked good, in reality it proved a fatal move.

So great were the importations of cheap second hand boats that on short order some 1,500,000 tons were purchased, a far greater volume than Japan had ever previously owned. This had also the effect of reducing the efficiency of Japanese commercial fleets to such an extent that many were forced out of business in the international market as business declined and competition increased.

In 1927 Japan commenced to restrict the importation of old ships, and in that year 100,000 tons only were imported chiefly for scrapping, and the tonnage operated sharply declined. This tendency was further accentuated, so that in 1929 only 33,000 tons were imported practically all for scrapping. Now the importation is practically dead.

Notwithstanding the decline in demand for new boats in and after 1922, Japanese shipyard capacity had scarcely diminished, but the earthquake of 1923 delivered a blow to shipyards in the affected area. Even then, shipbuilding capacity to-day is four to five times as large as in pre-war days.

Mr. Kusano says: "The shipbuilding industry in this country has been active during the past few years. It has resulted from factors of temporary nature, however, and the liveliness is already gone. Included among these factors are three major ones, which are: (1) the easiness of the money market, (2) the construction of new ships to be placed on subsidised lines, and, (3) the craze for Diesel engine ships."

The construction of new fast ships, including steamers, then started in rapid succession at dockyards, moss-grown from absence of work for many years. Most of the new tonnage was Diesel equipped with engines of the newest design, specially constructed for Pacific trade. Then the N.Y.K. and the O.S.K. found it incumbent on them to build new ships to place on the subsidised lines, and as they decided to adopt Diesel engines, the phenomenal activity in Diesel construction in Japan is easily explained. The subsidised vessels are now virtually completed and no further extension of the system is yet in sight.

At the beginning of 1930 out of the 200,000 tons under construction in Japanese yards, some 120,000 to 180,000 tons were for the subsidised lines or classified as special ships. The balance of 70,000 to 80,000 tons roughly corresponds to the tonnage Japan annually loses either by disaster or scrapping. This tonnage is slightly more than was built during the worst period after the war, 1925-26, when launchings had fallen to about 50,000 tons. It is now believed that in view of present conditions and future outlook, construction of new ships in Japan in and after 1931 will decline to about 70,000 or 80,000 tons.

#### Motorships Replacing Steamers.

The only bright spot is the recent activities of shipping companies in the replacement of reciprocating steamers with Diesel vessels. The reason is because they cannot carry on business with any margin of profit without them. If the money market becomes tight, and if the prevailing low rates of freight (now below even Diesel rate) continue, shipping companies may change their minds. They might be contented with partial improvements, such as the installation of patent rudders or exhaust turbines on old steamers instead of building new Diesel boats. In face of the severe depression many firms are wavering in their plans to build new Diesel vessel, and one firm which had placed a contract with the Mitsubishi Nagasaki yard for a 9,800 ton Diesel ship has recently cancelled the order.

The only plans worth mentioning for new construction drafted since the commencement of 1930 are Kohsuai Kisen's two 10,000-ton Diesel liners, Daiwa Kisen's four 4,500-ton cargo boats, Iino Shoji's one 12,000-ton oil tanker, and the Government Railway's two 4,000-ton Diesel ferry boats, to be operated between Shimonoeki and Fusan Chosen.

The conclusion of the London Naval Treaty was another unfavourable factor for Japanese yards, since the Imperial Navy's building programme is about cut in two. The annual average spending is about 88,000,000 yen. While it has not been announced how far the programme will be carried out in the fiscal year 1931-2, it is worth noting that the Navy used to give 39 per cent of its entire building work to civilian yards, the naval arsenals doing the remainder. About 60 per cent of the work reserved for the naval arsenals is also subcontracted to civilian concerns, this virtually means that about 70 per cent of the entire programme ultimately finds its way to private yards.

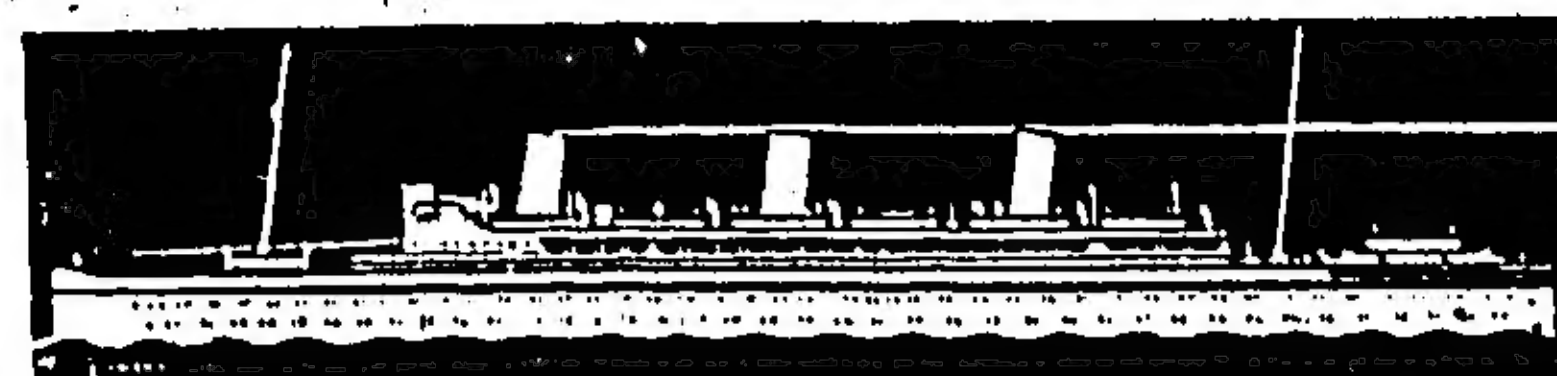
In consideration of the fact that the Navy's work given by private yards is practically one-third of their total engagement and that the commercial condition is so unfavourable, there seems but a lean chance for new building orders, and the plight of the shipbuilders looks very gloomy.

In 1912-14 Japan had about 1,500,000 tons of shipping: to-day this tonnage has increased to 4,300,000 tons, including many of "crude" ships, built during the war boom and about 1,500,000 tons of imported vessels. This makes repair work about three times as great as in pre-war days. Against this the increased number of docks able to accommodate large vessels has increased by 50 per cent, so that virtually even yards it amounts to about twice what it formerly did. The result is that nearly all concerns, in the absence of new contracts, are concentrating on repairs and converting their establishments accordingly. This appears to be Japan's big chance of overcoming her difficulties, especially as many of the larger concerns are engaged in the manufacture of building materials for civil engineering projects.

**Rationalisation Project.**  
Meanwhile a national issue has been raised on rationalisation of the shipbuilding industry in Japan; in mid-July the Extraordinary Industrial Investigation Commission recommended to the Government three alternate plans:—

1. To effect an amalgamation of all the shipbuilding companies.
2. To promote a new company under joint investment of shipbuilding companies with the object of undertaking a joint management of the shipbuilding enterprises.
3. To promote a new company under joint investment of shipbuilding companies with the object of transferring the management from the present owners to the new company.

As a result much discussion took place, and at least one practical proposal suggested that the four companies in Kwanto be merged, and also the six companies in Kansai. Present indications are that the four



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In conclusion Mr. Kusano remarks:—  
"Taking all in all, the prospects of Japan's shipbuilding industry may be described as anything but bright at present. Unless some of the pending plans materialise, or some new factors develop, the situation is bound to be further aggravated. The business management will become further difficult, especially those which specialise in the construction of new ships. A drastic readjustment and curtailment of equipment is unavoidable. It is a question of time before some of them will be amalgamated or others are closed altogether. Meanwhile their side line of business, such as manufacture of civil engineering materials, construction of rolling stock, automobiles, &c., may assume more importance than their main business—the shipbuilding."

#### WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—  
Berwick—North arm.  
Bruce—North wall.  
Cornflower—in dock.  
Cumberland—No. 3 buoy.  
Herald—South wall.  
Hornet—No. 1 buoy.  
Iroquois—North buoy.  
Marazion—No. 18 buoy.  
Medway—West wall.  
Oswald—in dock.  
Osiris—in dock.  
Sepoy—No. 10 buoy.  
Seraph—No. 7 buoy.  
Seraph—No. 8 buoy.  
Sirdar—No. 12 buoy.  
Somers—No. 11 buoy.  
Sterling—No. 10 buoy.  
Stormcloud—No. 11 buoy.  
Thracian—No. 8 buoy.  
Foreign Men-of-War.  
Argus—French gunboat.  
Adamastor—Portuguese cruiser.  
Helena—American gunboat.  
Mindanao—American gunboat.

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### A PUBLIC SCANDAL.

The three riders which on  
Tuesday concluded the enquiry  
into the deaths of two Chinese  
infants, concerning the identity  
of whose corpses some confusion  
seems to have existed, draw at-  
tention to a state of affairs which  
calls for a thorough investigation  
by the authorities.

It will be recalled that on  
November 14, 1930, a parcel, from  
which a leg was protruding, was  
found lying under a bush in the  
Public Gardens, near Albany  
Road. The Central Police Station  
was notified and in due course  
the body was removed by the  
Sanitary Department coolies and  
taken to the Public Mortuary.

According to Dr. A. V. Grieves,  
when he was called to the Mortu-  
ary on November 15, he found  
the bodies of two Chinese babies,  
numbered three and four respec-  
tively. One had been strangled  
and the other had died a natural  
death. The Mortuary attendant  
stated in his evidence that the  
two bodies were placed on sepa-  
rate slabs on admission, but when  
he saw them the following morn-  
ing, other bodies had been placed  
beside them, and he was unable  
to distinguish them.

This confusion, it appears,  
arose out of the failure to attach  
identity cards to the corpses, and  
secondly, owing to the fact that a  
strip of print cloth which was  
found tied around the neck of the  
murdered infant was not preserv-  
ed. In the words of the third  
rider, "The two bodies involved  
must have been mixed up at the  
Mortuary owing to the fact that  
the steps taken by the Mortuary

authorities to differentiate be-  
tween one body and another were  
insufficient."

Again, it was admitted at the  
opening of the enquiry by Dr.  
Grieves, who conducted a post  
mortem examination that, al-  
though he knew quite well that  
death was due to strangulation,  
he did not think it sufficiently im-  
portant to warrant a special re-  
port. "It did not occur to me at  
the time," he stated in reply to  
the Coroner. He further admitted  
that the strip of cloth found tied  
around the infant's neck, which  
had been the instrument of its  
death and would, we may assume,  
have assisted the Police in the  
detection of the murderer, was  
not preserved. Why this valu-  
able clue should be regarded as of  
so little importance, and why Dr.  
Grieves should consider that a case  
of murder did not justify a  
special report being made, we are  
at a loss to imagine.

On the face of the evidence and  
the admissions of the witnesses  
at the inquest, there seems to  
have been a desultory and hap-  
azard casualness on the part of  
all concerned, amounting to gross  
negligence. The Police them-  
selves who, it must be admitted,  
were not informed of the case in  
such a manner as the circum-  
stances demanded, did not escape  
a reprimand, and, according to  
the first rider, "No sufficient ex-  
amination was made by Inspec-  
tor Shaftain," who, it will be re-  
called, admitted that his ex-  
amination of the corpse was  
"probably superficial."

That such a state of affairs  
should exist in the Public Services  
is little short of scandalous, and  
we trust that the despatch of the  
rider to His Excellency the Gov-  
ernor will result in the machinery  
governing the duties of the Pub-  
lic Mortuary and other officials  
concerned being effectively tight-  
ened-up.

Had the strip of cloth been pre-  
served, as it certainly should  
have been, and had a card been  
affixed to each infant, thus ob-  
viating all unnecessary confu-  
sion, there is a possibility that  
the Police would have been able to  
discover those responsible for the  
crime. Apparently the mixing up  
of the bodies was not the only  
confusion that existed at the Mor-  
tuary, and anybody was allowed  
to have access to the corpses.  
The body of the strangled infant,  
it was stated, was actually ad-  
mitted by a man having no official  
connection with the Mortuary and  
not even in the Government ser-  
vice. The No. 1 attendant was  
attending a relative's  
funeral whilst his subordinate,  
who should have been on duty,

was absent. Altogether there  
would seem to be an entire lack  
of organisation among the staff  
at the Mortuary, and nothing to  
prevent any person depositing,  
removing, or otherwise interfer-  
ing with bodies that have been de-  
posited there. There also ap-  
pears to be no recognised system  
by means of which the corpses  
may be identified, for, if the evi-  
dence of a Sanitary Department  
coolie is to be given credence, he  
had never, in all his experience,  
seen a card attached to a body.

The dangers of a system, if it  
can be called even that, which ad-  
mits of such laxity and confusion,  
are only too evident. The whole  
case leaves one with a sense of  
misgiving and uneasiness, and if  
stringent action does not follow  
these revelations, then it is time  
that a protest were aired in  
public.

### News in Brief.

Mrs. A. T. Hamilton is to distri-  
bute the prizes at the Ellis Kadoorie  
School next Thursday morning.

Knocked down by a tramcar in  
Des Vaux Road Central near West-  
ern Street yesterday a Chinese  
man, 68 years of age, was removed  
to the Government Civil Hospital  
suffering from injuries to his head  
and spine.

Chan Kin-ying, (28), a kept wo-  
man, at 472 Hennessy Road, was  
yesterday removed to the Govern-  
ment Civil Hospital suffering from  
some form of poisoning said to have  
been self-administered. Her con-  
dition is serious.

An unemployed Chinese, Chan  
(29), was to-day charged at the  
Kowloon Magistracy with break-  
ing and entering a dwelling at Lam Lo  
Mei village, and stealing a quilt,  
property of Tam Kwan. Two  
months' imprisonment was im-  
posed.

The Committee of the Sailors'  
and Soldiers' Home very gratefully  
acknowledges the receipt of the fol-  
lowing donations towards the funds  
of the Home:—Mr. J. K. Bousfield,  
\$10, Union Insurance Society of  
Canton Ltd., and its Affiliated  
Companies, \$300.

Tam Ping (25), and Chan Tak,  
appeared on similar charges of  
stealing a piece of timber from a  
Water Tunnel at Shek Li  
Pui yesterday, the property  
of the Hong Kong Pile Driv-  
ing and Excavation Company.  
Mr. Butters imposed a fine of \$20  
or three weeks' on each defendant.

Li Pun (36) of no fixed address,  
met his death yesterday morning in  
the Construction Department of the  
Royal Naval Dockyard, when a steel  
plate, weighing about 6 cwt., fell on  
him from a chain sling. The ac-  
cident occurred at 9.45 in the morn-  
ing, and Li Pun died in the Govern-  
ment Civil Hospital at 3 p.m. from  
his injuries.

Mr. Butters refused to believe  
that Tang Lin picked up a tape  
measure two days after leaving  
prison and gave him the option of  
\$50 or another month's imprison-  
ment. He was arrested in Canton  
Road yesterday and charged at the  
Kowloon Magistracy this morning  
with being in possession of the  
tape measure, value \$2.

At 4 a.m. yesterday a burglar  
endeavoured to break into the  
ground floor of Sincere Terrace,  
"B" block, occupied by a Chinese  
and his family. The intruder had  
skillfully removed the jalousies of  
a verandah door before the Chin-  
ese was aroused from his sleep and  
blew a Police whistle. The bur-  
glar, whose age could not have been  
more than 20, at once bolted up  
an adjoining hill.

A pick-pocket was sentenced to  
six months' imprisonment and two  
years police supervision at the Kow-  
loon Magistracy this morning. It  
was stated that the defendant, Ho  
Ping, an unemployed Chinese,  
extracted a \$10 note from the  
pocket of Chan Shui, of 226, Tai  
Nam Street, covering his action  
by holding his hat over the man's  
pocket. Complacant's niece, who  
was with him, saw the defendant's  
action, and the man was arrested.

Lam Fuk, a native of the Shek  
Ma village, made another appear-  
ance before Mr. Butters, at the  
Kowloon Magistracy yesterday  
afternoon, on a charge of having,  
between November 17 and Decem-  
ber 24, harboured a girl named Mun  
Kam (18) without the consent of  
her grandmother. Mr. M. A. de  
Silva, appearing for the accused,  
tendered a plea of guilty and asked  
that a lenient view be taken, as the  
defendant had acted in good faith  
and believed the girl to be over 21.  
Moreover, the girl had willingly  
gone with the defendant. Mr.  
Butters imposed a fine of \$100 or  
six weeks' imprisonment.

## CORRESPONDENCE. | TREE PLANTING ON DARTMOOR.

### TRADE DEPRESSION.

(To the Editor of "China Mail.")  
Sir,—In regard to your leading  
article, "Silver Lining," I wish  
you could emphasise the fact that  
the recognised and admitted means  
of trade improvement (lowering of  
production costs) is not a matter  
for mills, factories, and direct pro-  
ducers merely. I am fully con-  
vinced that the unproductive rate of  
working by Government, Municipal,  
and sheltered trades employees  
(what loafing! Twenty men taking  
a week to do what one man could do  
in a couple of hours) is the "bottle-  
neck" that is hindering the flow of  
trade and world recovery.

Yours, etc.

ABUNDANCE.

Hong Kong, January 23, 1931.

### HELENA MAY.

#### PIANO AND SONG RECITAL LAST NIGHT.

A delightful concert was given at  
the Helena May Institute by Mr.  
and Mrs. Bowes-Smith yesterday  
evening. This is the first piano and  
song recital they have given since  
their return to the Colony and there  
was a large and appreciative au-  
dience to welcome them. Mrs.  
Bowes-Smith is always at her best  
in German Lieder and her  
first group of three songs by  
Richard Strauss was parti-  
cularly charming. The love-  
ly "Allerseelen" was followed  
by a tender little lullaby "Meinem  
Kinde" in which the pianissimo  
high notes were particularly effec-  
tive. "Ständchen," light and  
rippling, ended a very well chosen  
group. The accompaniments were  
perfection in the hands of Mr.  
Bowes-Smith.

#### Fascinating Song.

Later, she gave us "Fair House  
of Joy" (Quilter) a new and fas-  
cinating little song by Novello called  
"Page's Road Song," "Lovers  
Quarrel" (Cyril Scott) and  
"Adonais." The latter is London  
Ronald's most ambitious song:  
written in the form of a "Dramatic  
Scene" to words selected from  
Shelley's famous "lament" for the  
poet Keats. It opens with a "recit-  
tative" which leads to a lovely "Andan-  
tino" in G. Minor. A beautiful  
basket of flowers was handed to  
Mrs. Bowes-Smith at the close of  
this song. The accompaniments to  
the English songs were most sym-  
pathetically played by Mr. Dudley  
Bartlett.

It is always a pleasure to hear  
Mr. Bowes-Smith play Chopin. His  
light touch and keen sense of  
rhythm make the chromatic pas-  
sages and cadenzas a delight to the  
ear and he never fails in the more  
emotional moments. His first  
group comprised the "Improvisu in  
F Sharp," the ever-popular "Valses  
in C Sharp Minor" and the "Valses  
in A Flat."

#### Contrast.

Four solos by Russian Compo-  
sers ended the programme. "Pres-  
du Berceau" by Moskowski with  
its graceful swinging melody served  
as a complete contrast to the  
sparkle and vivacity of "Scherzo-  
Etude" by the same composer.  
Rachmaninoff's "Prelude in G.  
Sharp Minor" is seldom heard but is  
no less lovely than the "Prelude in  
G. Minor" which was brilliantly  
interpreted and roused such en-  
thusiasm that the pianist was  
obliged to concede an encore—we  
could not catch the name of this  
crisp and delightful little piece but  
suspect that it was by York Bowen.  
The next concert is on February 5,  
organised by Mrs. Grantham and  
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### BRITISH PEOPLE.

#### THRIFLESS, INDOLENT, LAZY & LUXURY-LOVING.

The Bishop of Chelmsford, the  
Right Rev. H. A. Wilson, speaking  
at Witham, Essex, recently said  
that when young people of to-day,  
looked at pictures of their grand-  
fathers and grandmothers—"very  
queer old things, no doubt"—they  
were looking at people who held the  
world's markets and built up the  
industries of Great Britain.

The Bishop added:—"We have a  
million and a quarter unemployed,  
largely because we have forgotten  
how to work hard. I can remember  
when the heads of a business would  
work five-and-a-half days a week.  
Now they want to play golf on  
Saturday, perhaps on Monday, and  
for half a day on Friday."  
"We are thrifless, indolent, plea-  
sure-seeking and luxury-loving, and  
we are lazy!"

### Objections to Big Scheme.

#### SPOILING GRANDEUR.

Considerable misgivings are  
being felt in the West of England  
as a result of the recent decision of  
the Duchy of Cornwall to lease  
5,000 acres of Dartmoor to the  
Forestry Commission for planta-  
tion purposes; 1,329 acres have al-  
ready been handed over to the care  
of the Commission.

The afforestation of the portion  
which comprises Belliver and  
Laughter marks a further break  
with the pastoral character of  
Dartmoor. Devon men have al-  
ways enjoyed certain rights of  
pasture, which were confirmed  
by King John in 1204; these have  
been of the utmost importance in  
an agricultural and stock-raising  
country.

The enclosure of certain portions  
of land, which is believed by some  
to have been carried out at the ex-  
pense of commoners' rights, dates  
from the end of the Eighteenth  
Century; it continued until, by the  
close of last century, nearly 22,000  
acres were enclosed. Thus much  
of the best grazing land was de-  
voted to tillage, and thousands of  
Dartmoor ponies died from want of  
the sheltered, combs, from which  
they were excluded by the en-  
closures.

Of recent years, such leases as  
have not expired have been ac-  
quired by the Duchy of Cornwall; and  
on the reclaimed land both agricul-  
ture and afforestation have been  
attempted. It is generally believed  
that afforestation has not been a  
success. Both at Beardown and  
Fernworthy sheltered rough  
pastures have been sacrificed for  
planting.

A further stage has now been  
reached by the leasing of the land  
mentioned to the Forestry Commis-  
sion. It is believed in many quar-  
ters that this will prove a costly  
experiment at the expense of the  
taxpayer. Before the War a series  
of plantations were made at  
Brimpts, in a favourable situa-  
tion as could be found on Dart-  
moor. These should now be  
mature; but on the higher ground  
the average yield per tree is only  
two lengths of nine feet each.

#### Primitive Moorland.

A suggestion is being made that  
Dartmoor should be acquired as a  
National Park. No place in Eng-  
land preserves primitive conditions  
so faithfully; no area combines to  
better effect historical interest  
with grandeur of moorland  
scenery. Any scheme of affor-  
estation, such as is now being  
undertaken, would deprive the  
Moor of much of its primitive  
beauty, and would inevitably lead  
to severe restrictions of public ac-  
cess.

An official of the Forestry Com-  
mission admitted that the proposed  
afforestation had given rise to  
heated controversy.

"It would not be correct," he  
added, "to say that previous at-  
tempts at plantation on Dartmoor  
have been a failure. A fairly re-  
cent report stated that plantations  
are on the whole quite promising  
and growth was as good as was  
expected." The question of con-  
version of Dartmoor into a  
National Park is at present sub-  
sistent. The National Parks Com-  
mittee is still sitting, but I under-  
stand that its report will be  
published before long. Nothing  
that is being done by us would in-  
terfere with the adaptation of  
Dartmoor as a National Park.

"The leasing of the area in ques-  
tion by the Duchy of Cornwall to  
the Forestry Commission is  
nothing very remarkable. The  
Duchy is, in a certain sense, almost  
a Government Department; all that  
the recent negotiations amount to  
is that, instead of supervising the  
plantations itself, the Duchy has  
transferred the duty to another de-  
partment."

### Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of  
January 23, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/10  
15/16.

The Religio e Patria approves  
the objection of the Rock with re-  
spect to the formation of the  
Y.M.C.A. in Hong Kong as a war  
memorial, and suggests as a per-  
manent and useful monument on  
the part of the Catholics, which  
will benefit the whole community,  
the establishment of a high class  
college, directed by the able Jesuit  
Teachers.



## ANNUAL PRIZE GIVING

Ceremony At Yaumati Government School.

## HIGH STANDARD OF WORK.

Interesting Speech By the Hon. Mr. S. W. T'so.

The annual prize-giving of the Yaumati Government School took place this morning, those present including the Hon. Mr. S. W. T'so, O.B.E., L.L.D., and Mr. G. P. Martin.

The Hon. Mr. T'so, in an address given in Chinese, after congratulating the teachers on the excellent work done during the past year, congratulated the pupils for maintaining such a high standard of efficiency, and said that he was sure that the boys who were not receiving prizes to-day would surely do so one day if they persevered. If everyone won a prize, there would be no competition!

They were very lucky indeed to have such a good school to attend, and in view of the fact that the Peninsula was assuming such dimensions, he hoped that the Government would soon see their way clear to erect other schools.

## PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

Mr. W. L. Hand-side, M.A., M.Sc., F.R.C.S., thanked Mr. T'so for honouring them with his presence, and after reading the report called upon Mr. T'so to present the prizes.

Dr. T'so, Mr. de Martin, Ladies and Gentlemen, Staff and Boys.—I have great pleasure in presenting the Report of this School for the year ending December 31, 1930—the more so as it is my first, and one is usually thrilled by first experiences. Of course I have once before held the onerous position of Headmaster of a Government District School. That that was a thrilling experience you may well imagine when I tell you that it occurred during the stirring days of 1925 when Headquarters were anything but circumspect. But that is all by the way. My 1930 experiences were if not ideal at least much more pleasant.

A Report such as this must be largely a dry-as-dust affair. We head masters pray for the time when we can follow the example

staff that these changes made little difference to the school work.

It is with the deepest regret that I have to report the death on October 17 of one of our Vernacular Masters, Mr. Ng Wan-to. A more conscientious and capable master it would be hard to find anywhere. He is and will be for a long time, sadly missed.

After a short interval when Mr. Chung Hau-sang acted, Mr. Chan Nai-tso was appointed vice Mr. Ng.

Fees.—No change was made in fees.

Building and Equipment.—During the Summer Vacation the P.W.D. repaired our leaky roof for which the teachers and pupils of Class 4A were genuinely thankful. The lighting (both natural and artificial) is unsatisfactory but general improvement along these lines is under consideration. We managed to get a supply of electric bulbs which made conditions somewhat cheerier. No change has yet been made in the lavatory arrangements but we hope that will be rectified in the near future. Additions have been made to our Equipment in the shape of Reading Sheets, Maps, Blackboards and Blackboard Varnish and a Weighing Machine. This last has been well used already, every boy in the school having been weighed and measured at least once (and the members of the Staff including myself but excluding so far as I am aware, the ladies, a good many times). We hope to watch the progress of each boy in this way as well as in more intellectual pursuits. Education is no longer a mere matter of "the Three E's."

Discipline.—This word is terribly old-fashioned and conjures up visions of irate heads armed with cane or tawse. These days are gone, we hope never to return. Few of us have any difficulty as regards discipline with Chinese boys, but they are not so placid as tradition tries to make out. The only genuine discipline is obtained through interested work. Discipline with us is more difficult during Chinese lessons which seems to me to indicate lack of interest. I make bold to say that the Chinese studies in Classes 8 and 7 would be much more satisfactorily done by Anglo-Chinese Masters who have a more modern approach to teaching.

Organisation.—There has been little change in organisation. New Readers were introduced in Class 8 with beneficial results. It is our intention to introduce in time this series (New Method Readers) throughout the School. If so, those Schools from which we draw boys for Classes 7 and upward will have to fall into line or they will deprive their pupils of the opportunity of being admitted here.

I considered introducing Physical Instruction but none of the members of the Staff had been trained to teach it and I couldn't see my way to do it all myself. It must await the appointment of a Special Instructor who at the same time could train the young assistant masters.

Health.—The general health of the boys is fair but not so good as the attendance returns seem to show. A large number complained of minor ailments and we are grateful to the M.O. in charge of Kowloon Hospital and the Yaumati Public Dispensary for their treatment of cases sent to them. Inspections by M.O. and Asst. M.O. in Schools took place in June and November, and the School Nurse visited in November. For Class 5 eyesight examination. We hope in future to be provided with data which will enable us to estimate the progress in physical development made by every pupil

as we can tell their scholastic progress. 23 boys were provided with spectacles and 62 boys and 3 masters were vaccinated or revaccinated. Two boys were advised to have their tonsils seen to but so far that advice has not been acted on. This shows that a good deal of medical propaganda or education is still necessary among parents.

Studies.—In the Annual Examination the results were: Class 4 (Qualifying Examination for Upper Classes of Queen's College and King's College). 49 examined, 24 passed or 49 per cent. Only 2 failed in Chinese. The results as a whole are not satisfactory but are easily explained. (a) This year the test was stiffened up especially in Written Composition (b) the B. division where the failures occurred was the class that suffered badly in 1928 owing to staff shortage and changes. The A. division did very creditably. It is much better that the selection for further study should be made here than later. Then parents and boys have ample opportunity for deciding whether the boys should try again or should seek employment without further waste of time and money.

In the Annual Examination for the remaining classes, 196 were examined; in English subjects, 190 or 97 per cent. passed and 180 or 92 per cent. passed in Chinese. Mr. Y. P. Law, Inspector of Vernacular Schools selected the passages for Chinese Dictation which ensured a reasonable standard in Chinese. We are grateful to him for his interest and the trouble he took. English Conversation is only fair but improved considerably towards the end of the year. The examination in Oral English was conducted by the European members of the Staff. Arithmetic showed improvement but facility in mental calculation leaves much to be desired.

Greater Progress.—Admissions to Class 5 are confined to boys of 12 years of age and under. This makes for greater progress in the long run. Young boys learn much more easily and stay with us longer.

Yaumati boys continue to do well in Queen's College and King's College and occasionally in University Examinations. So far no permanent record has been kept but that is being rectified.

Athletics.—These continue to form an integral part of the curriculum. A number of boys were taught to swim at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. (Hong Kong) and facilities were granted in the Summer for daily bathing by revising the time-table. Inter-class competitions in Volley Ball and Football were held and Ping-pong has suddenly sprung into high favour especially among the smaller boys. Good use was made of Ground 0 at King's Park and several foot-ball matches were played with outside teams. The school was represented at all School Athletic Meetings and had occasional success. The whole School (in two parties) visited Cheung Chau and besides touring the island, played games with the pupils of Cheung Chau School. Such visits are beneficial to both institutions.

Unqualified Success.—The 14th Annual Sports Meeting was held in December, and was an unqualified success. Mrs. R. H. Kotewall distributed the prizes and Hon. Dr. Kotewall addressed the boys in Chinese. Classes 4 and 5 attended the Agricultural Show, and later the whole school saw the film "with Byrd to the South Pole," and spent an afternoon viewing the magnificent chrysanthemum display in a nearby garden.

In September we had an Exhibition of Drawings, Paintings, Maps, Handwork, &c. done by the pupils during the Summer Vacation. It was visited by the Director of Education and Mrs. de Martin, by the Hon. Dr. Kotewall, by the Headmaster of Queen's College (Mr. F. J. de Rome) and by a former Headmaster of Yaumati, Mr. A. O. Brown as well as by friends of my own and of the staff. It proved conclusively that the artistic outlook and skill in craftsmanship of the Chinese schoolboy merely awaits encouragement to burst forth into activity.

A special competition was also held in Translation and in English Composition.—We are grateful to Mr. R. A. D. Forrest of the S.C.A. for adjudicating in the former. Special prizes are being awarded to-day.

General.—Considerable additions were made during the year to the Library and a supply of magazines and periodicals in accordance with the limited means at our disposal was maintained. The Library and Reading Room although ill-lit and in disrepair was well patronised by Classes 4 and 5. Class libraries will be arranged as soon as funds permit. The disconcerting vagaries of our local currency prohibit any immediate chance of extensions. We shall be fortunate if we manage to maintain our present position.

Loyal Support.—I wish to take this opportunity of thanking the staff for the loyal way they have supported me—a comparative stranger to most of them—while I have been here. I should like especially to mention Mr. Ho for general all round assistance, Mr. Lam for the care and patience he took with all things pertaining to medical inspection (almost a full-time job) and to Mr. Sung for his ungrudging work in connection with Athletics, Sports &c., but all deserve great credit. I wish also to thank the Head Prefect and his fellow-prefects for the willing way in which they performed the many seemingly trivial but really very important duties I placed on their shoulders.

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## PRIZE WINNERS.

The following are the prize winners:—

English.  
Class 4a:—1st, Lui Hing-kui (Govt. F.S. for 3 years); 2nd, Li Po-tin (Govt. F.S. for 3 years); 3rd, Chan Sik-kwan (Govt. F.S. for 3 years); 4th, Yim Chi-sang (Govt. F.S. for 3 years); 5th, Fung Kwong-ye (W.H.T. F.S. for 3 years); 6th, Au Kwong-chiu (Class Prize).

Class 4b:—1st, Man Sing-fong (Govt. F.S. for 3 years); 2nd, Leung Kam-to (Class Prize).

Class 5a:—1st, Li San-man (Govt. F.S. for 1 year); 2nd, Ting Ping-kwan (W.H.T. F.S. for 1 year); 3rd, Chan Chuen-mong (W.H.T. F.S. for 1 year); 4th, Wong Ting-hon (Class Prize).

Class 5b:—1st, Lam Kwong-wing (Govt. F.S. for 1 year); 2nd, Li Sai-luen (W.H.T. F.S. for 1 year); 3rd, Lau Yun-choi (W.H.T. F.S. for 1 year); 4th, Ko Shiu-hung (Class Prize).

Class 6a:—1st, Yuen Chun-wing (Class Prize); 2nd, Fong Kwai-tak (W.H.T. F.S. for 1 year); 3rd, Yeung Yuk-hay (W.H.T. F.S. for 1 year); 4th, Yau Ka-chung (Class Prize).

Class 6b:—1st, Wong Kwok-hung (Class Prize); 2nd, Chan Man-cheuk (Govt. F.S. for 1 year); 3rd, Fung Sing-ping (W.H.T. F.S. for 1 year); 4th, Wong Ying-choi (W.H.T. F.S. for 1 year); 5th, Siu Tun-tai (Class Prize).

Class 7a:—1st, Tam Ping-kun (Class Prize); 2nd, Ping Fong Champion—Wong Kam-lie.

Special Prizes.  
Special Prizes for Chinese:—Class 4a, Yim Chi-sang; Class 4b, Man Sing-fong; Class 5, Wong Ting-hon; Class 6a, Wong Ying-choi; Class 6b, Lui King-man; Class 7a, Fan Ping-chung; Class 7b, Ho Tin-sang; Class 8a, Chan Man-cheuk; Class 8b, Tam Ping-kun.

Special Prizes for Art:—Chan Man-cheuk and Kwong Tat-yung.  
Special Prizes for Translation:—Chan Sik-kwan and Chan Hon-fai.  
Special Prizes for Composition (Dialogue):—Li Pul-shum and Chan Hon-tat.

Badges.  
Head Prefect:—Lui Hing-kui, Class 4a.  
Prefects:—Yim Chi-sang, Class 4a; Ng Yuk-ki, Class 4a; Fung Kwong-ye, Class 4a; Tse Chan-wing, Class 4b; Leung Kam-to, Class 4b; and Fung Ming-sang, Class 4b.

Football Captain:—Yuen Wa-cheuk, Class 4b.  
Volley Ball Captain:—Li Pul-shum, Class 4a.

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Germany at present possesses 4,000 millionaires, but a millionaire in Germany is a man who is worth 1,000,000 marks, which is only 250,000.

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Mr. Alan Hill-Reid, who arrived from Home by P. & O. str. Comorin, has gone to Shanghai to join Messrs. Millington Ltd., as executive. He has had a long connection with advertising in England, having been employed in the Publicity Departments of the late Aircraft Manufacturing Co., Henderson, (producers of the de Havilland aeroplanes), and Smith & Sons (M.A.) Ltd., manufacturers of aircraft and motor instruments.

Both as artist and writer, he was responsible for the writing and illustrating of the first book on commercial aerial photography. For the past nine years, he has been chief assistant of the Lamson Agency, the concern responsible for all Lord Inchcape's advertising, including the P. & O. S.N. Co. and P. & O. Banking Corporation. His services have been acquired in order to strengthen the technical side of Messrs. Millington.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

## PENINSULA HOTEL.

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## SHADOWS BEFORE

## COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.  
To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel.

To-night—Dinner Dances at Peninsula and Hong Kong Hotels.  
To-morrow—Dinner Dances at Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels.  
To-morrow—Burns' dinner, Messrs. Lane, Crawford's restaurant, 8 p.m.  
Sunday—Tea Dance at Repulse Bay Hotel.

Entertainments.  
To-day—Queen's Theatre "Atlantic."  
To-day—Central Theatre "Mamba."  
To-day—World Theatre "Love and Duty" (Chinese drama).  
To-day—Star Theatre "Black Magic."  
To-day—Majestic Theatre; "The Cuckoos."

Home Malls.  
To-day—Inward from Europe via Negapatam (Hakone Maru) from Europe via Siberia (Katori Maru).  
To-morrow Inward from America and ports (President Hayes) Outward for Europe via Marseilles (Katori Maru), 9.30 a.m.; for Europe via Siberia (Hakone Maru), 12.30 p.m.

Land Sale.  
Monday—At P.W.D. offices, one lot of Crown land at Wong-Nel Chung, 3 p.m.

Sports.  
See Diary on page 8.  
February 10—H. K. Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd. ordinary meeting, Messrs Jardine Matheson's Offices, 12.30 p.m.

Lammer's Auctions.  
To-morrow—At China Providence Loan & Mortgage Co.'s Godown No. 5 (West Point), 3,953 bags centrifugal sugar and 4 barrels coconut oil, 11 a.m.

Tuesday—At 178, The Peak, household furniture, 10.30 a.m.  
Wednesday—At the premises of the Industrial Commercial Bank, Queen's Road Central, office furniture, 10.30 a.m.

Miscellaneous.  
February 19—Entries close for Horticultural Society's Annual Show of Flowers and Vegetables, noon.

February 25—Horticultural Society's Annual Show of Flowers and Vegetables, City Hall.

## A NEW JUDGE.

## MR. G. P. LANGTON SUCCEEDS MR. JUSTICE HILL.

Mr. George Philip Langton, K.G., has been appointed to succeed Mr. Justice Hill as a judge of the High Court (Probate, Divorce, and Admiralty Division).

The new judge is 49 years of age, and has been a barrister for just a quarter of a century. He served in the War with the Royal Garrison Artillery, and was for a time garrison adjutant at Queenstown Harbour.

Later he was attached to the Intelligence Department at the War Office, and subsequently acted as Commissioner of Labour Disputes for the Ministry of Munitions. He "took silk" in 1925.

## PASSENGER LIST.

## DEPARTURES.

Per S.S. Kamo Maru for Australia on January 22:—  
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. V. Ribeiro, Miss O. M. Ribeiro, Master Tony Ribeiro, H. P. Whitmarsh, Joaquin Talbas, Johnson, Mrs. Sundt, Mr. and Mrs. Pindor, von Schmieden, Marshall, F. A. Xavier, Miss C. A. Xavier, I. Kohara, Mr. and Mrs. V. Neves, Master V. Neves, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Billet, Mannel de Escour, Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Stanton.

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of the Chairman at the various Company meetings and say: "The Report has been in your hands for some time; I shall take it as read and merely comment on a few events of outstanding importance." I doubt, however, whether there will be any great desire to answer questions from the "body of the hall." I shall do my utmost to make my remarks brief and I hope to the point.

Attendance.—The School opened 373 times during the year. Maximum Enrollment: 274 as in 1929. Average Daily Attendance: 254.7.

Considering the prevalence of malaria among a certain section of the pupils, especially those from the New Territories, the attendance (97.7 per cent.) is excellent. There is, however, still a tendency for boys (or their guardians for them) to ask leave on trivial grounds, e.g., "business." Business is not a reasonable excuse for a schoolboy. I would ask all guardians to see that their wards attend regularly and further take a greater interest in what the boys are doing. Only so can good progress be made. We here see that they work in school under the happiest possible conditions but we cannot be with them all the time. Much of our effort must go for nothing if there is lack of interest on the part of parents and guardians. They should make it a point of seeing the Headmaster, or some member of the Staff once or twice every year and find out what we are trying to do.

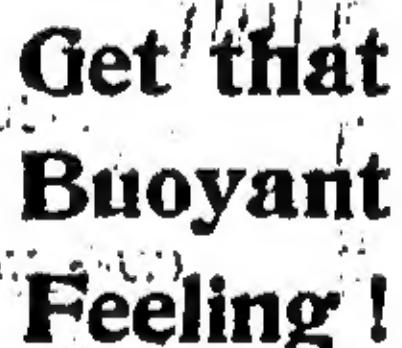
Staff.—Except for the Headmaster, there has been little change in the Staffing arrangements during the year. The year started with Mr. Mycock as Head, in April he was transferred to Ellis Kadoorie School and Mr. Brown took charge until he was appointed Acting Inspector of Schools in June, when I was transferred from Queen's College. It says much for the zeal of the



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 Referee—Mr. G. B. Brown.  
 Y.M.C.A. Team for To-morrow  
 The following will represent the Y.M.C.A. 2nd XI. in their match with the Hong Kong Police (Indians) at King's Park to-morrow, Sunday, at 3.30 p.m.—  
 W. J. Scott, J. M. Purrie, L. Tipples, L. W. Macay, F. Allan, G. Mitchell, H. Muller, W. R. Smith, Dr. Ashton, S. A. Bates and W. J. Brown.  
 Referee—Mr. G. B. Brown.

11.00	H. R. H. Wade, C. B.
	Terdre,
11.04	Humphreys, J. H.
	Davy,
11.08	R. Young, E. P. Fletcher,
11.12	W. N. Fleming, D. Black,
11.18	D. C. P. Row, J. P. Sherry,
11.22	MacKenzie, Hlegib,
11.34	V. H. Gordon, D. C.
	Cleveland,
11.38	N. S. Ellis, J. Gardner,
11.38	J. W. Alabaster, G. P. Hole,
11.50	MacFarlan, A. H.
	Kasson,
12.00	C. W. Jeffries, L. J. Black-
	burn,
11.44	R. K. Valentine, A. D.
	Humphreys,
11.48	R. A. Rogers, S. Dykes,
11.52	H. A. Lammert, A. O.
	Brown,
11.58	N. Forbes, D. S. Robb,
12.00	C. C. Campbell, D. C. Spina,
12.04 p.m.	M. Richards, (A. E.
	Stout)

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## THE 'VARSITY RACE.

I should place ski-running on precisely the same plane as steeple chasing. It demands a higher degree of physical courage than any game except, possibly, ice-hockey, and it also demands a very high standard of achievement. Unfortunately, it is not available to the multitude. Only the richer undergraduates can afford to ride in point-to-point races; not every undergraduate can afford to go to Switzerland in the Winter vacation.

was a dentist by profession—Reuter's American Service.

World athlete in journalism, in his own field of sports.—The Old Stager in The Sphere.

1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069, 2070, 2071, 2072, 2073, 2074, 2075, 2076, 2077, 2078, 2079, 2080, 2081, 2082, 2083, 2084, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2088, 2089, 2090, 2091, 2092, 2093, 2094, 2095, 2096, 2097, 2098, 2099, 2100, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2109, 2110, 2111, 2112, 2113, 2114, 2115, 2116, 2117, 2118, 2119, 2120, 2121, 2122, 2123, 2124, 2125, 2126, 2127, 2128, 2129, 2130, 2131, 2132, 2133, 2134, 2135, 2136, 2137, 2138, 2139, 2140, 2141, 2142, 2143, 2144, 2145, 2146, 2147, 2148, 2149, 2150, 2151, 2152, 2153, 2154, 2155, 2156, 2157, 2158, 2159, 2160, 2161, 2162, 2163, 2164, 2165, 2166, 2167, 2168, 2169, 2170, 2171, 2172, 2173, 2174, 2175, 2176, 2177, 2178, 2179, 2180, 2181, 2182, 2183, 2184, 2185, 2186, 2187, 2188, 2189, 2190, 2191, 2192, 2193, 2194, 2195, 2196, 2197, 2198, 2199, 2200, 2201, 2202, 2203, 2204, 2205, 2206, 2207, 2208, 2209, 2210, 2211, 2212, 2213, 2214, 2215, 2216, 2217, 2218, 2219, 2220, 2221, 2222, 2223, 2224, 2225, 2226, 2227, 2228, 2229, 2230, 2231, 2232, 2233, 2234, 2235, 2236, 2237, 2238, 2239, 2240, 2241, 2242, 2243, 2244, 2245, 2246, 2247, 2248, 2249, 2250, 2251, 2252, 2253, 2254, 2255, 2256, 2257, 2258, 2259, 2260, 2261, 2262, 2263, 2264, 2265, 2266, 2267, 2268, 2269, 2270, 2271, 2272, 2273, 2274, 2275, 2276, 2277, 2278, 2279, 2280, 2281, 2282, 2283, 2284, 2285, 2286, 2287, 2288, 2289, 2290, 2291, 2292, 2293, 2294, 2295, 2296, 2297, 2298, 2299, 2300, 2301, 2302, 2303, 2304, 2305, 2306, 2307, 2308, 2309, 2310, 2311, 2312, 2313, 2314, 2315, 2316, 2317, 2318, 2319, 2320, 2321, 2322, 2323, 2324, 2325, 2326, 2327, 2328, 2329, 2330, 2331, 2332, 2333, 2334, 2335, 2336, 2337, 2338, 2339, 2340, 2341, 2342, 2343, 2344, 2345, 2346, 2347, 2348, 2349, 2350, 2351, 2352, 2353, 2354, 2355, 2356, 2357, 2358, 2359, 2360, 2361, 2362, 2363, 2364, 2365, 2366, 2367, 2368, 2369, 2370, 2371, 2372, 2373, 2374, 2375, 2376, 2377, 2378, 2379, 2380, 2381, 2382, 2383, 2384, 2385, 2386, 2387, 2388, 2389, 2390, 2391, 2392, 2393, 2394, 2395, 2396, 2397, 2398, 2399, 2400, 2401, 2402, 2403, 2404, 2405, 2406, 2407, 2408, 2409, 2410, 2411, 2412, 2413, 2414, 2415, 2416, 2417, 2418, 2419, 2420, 2421, 2422, 2423, 2424, 2425, 2426, 2427, 2428, 2429, 2430, 2431, 2432, 2433, 2434, 2435, 2436, 2437, 2438, 2439, 2440, 2441, 2442, 2443, 2444, 2445, 2446, 2447, 2448, 2449, 2450, 2451, 2452, 2453, 2454, 2455, 2456, 2457, 2458, 2459, 2460, 2461, 2462, 2463, 2464, 2465, 2466, 2467, 2468, 2469, 2470, 2471, 2472, 2473, 2474, 2475, 2476, 2477, 2478, 2479, 2480, 2481, 2482, 2483, 2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2488, 2489, 2490, 2491, 2492, 2493, 2494, 2495, 2496, 2497, 2498, 2499, 2500, 2501, 2502, 2503, 2504, 2505, 2506, 2507, 2508, 2509, 2510, 2511, 2512, 2513, 2514, 2515, 2516, 2517, 2518, 2519, 2520, 2521, 2522, 2523, 2524, 2525, 2526, 2527, 2528, 2529, 2530, 2531, 2532, 2533, 2534, 2535, 2536, 2537, 2538, 2539, 2540, 2541, 2542, 2543, 2544, 2545, 2546, 2547, 2548, 2549, 2550, 2551, 2552, 2553, 2554, 2555, 2556, 2557, 2558, 2559, 2560, 2561, 2562, 2563, 2564, 2565, 2566, 2567, 2568, 2569, 2570, 2571, 2572, 2573, 2574, 2575, 2576, 2577, 2578, 2579, 2580, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2584, 2585, 2586, 2587, 2588, 2589, 2590, 2591, 2592, 2593, 2594, 2595, 2596, 2597, 2598, 2599, 2600, 2601, 2602, 2603, 2604, 2605, 2606, 2607, 2608, 2609, 2610, 2611, 2612, 2613, 2614, 2615, 2616, 2617, 2618, 2619, 2620, 2621, 2622, 2623, 2624, 2625, 2626, 2627, 2628, 2629, 2630, 2631, 2632, 2633, 2634, 2635, 2636, 2637, 2638, 2639, 2640, 2641, 2642, 2643, 2644, 2645, 2646, 2647, 2648, 2649, 2650, 2651, 2652, 2653, 2654, 2655, 2656, 2657, 2658, 2659, 2660, 2661, 2662, 2663, 2664, 2665, 2666, 2667, 2668, 2669, 2670, 2671, 2672, 2673, 2674, 2675, 2676, 2677, 2678, 26



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Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	
London, Jan. 3)	Katori Maru
Europe via Negapatam (Letters and Papers)	
London, Dec. 25, 1930)	Hakone Maru
SATURDAY, JANUARY 24.	
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Dec. 25, 1930)	President Hayes
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia (London January 5)	Rondo
Shanghai and Swatow	Sunning
SUNDAY, JANUARY 25.	
Japan and Amoy	Tjilivong
Manila	President Jackson
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver, B.C., Jan. 3)	Empress of Asia
MONDAY, JANUARY 26.	
Straits	Khiva
Calcutta and Straits	Yuen Sang
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Jan. 2)	President Taft
TUESDAY, JANUARY 27.	
Amoy	Tjikembang
Japan	Ginyo Maru
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28.	
Java and Manila	Tjimanock
FRIDAY, JANUARY 30.	
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai (Seattle, Jan. 10)	President McKinley
Japan and Shanghai	Comorin
SATURDAY, JANUARY 31.	
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai (Seattle, Jan. 7)	Hikawa Maru
Java	Storviken

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For	Per
FRIDAY, JANUARY 23.	
Samshui & Wuchow	Toy Shan 4 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	Katori Maru (Due Marseilles, Feb. 22.)
K.P.O.	G.P.O.
Registration Jan. 23, 4.30 p.m.	Registration Jan. 24, 8.45 a.m.
Letters Jan. 24, 9 a.m.	Letters Jan. 24, 9.30 a.m.
SATURDAY, JANUARY 24.	
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia	Hakone Maru 12.30 p.m.
Saigon	Shun Chih 4.30 p.m.
Manila	President Hayes 5 p.m.
*Swatow and Foochow	Cheong Shing 5 p.m.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 25.	
Bangkok via Swatow	Kalgan 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hozan Maru 9 a.m.
MONDAY, JANUARY 26.	
Swatow	Hydrangea 3 p.m.
Japan, Honolulu, *Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and *Europe via San Francisco	President Jackson (Due San Francisco, Feb. 18.)
Parcels Jan. 26, 3 p.m.	Registration Jan. 26, 3 p.m.
Letters Jan. 26, 4.15 p.m.	Letters Jan. 26, 5 p.m.
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	President Jackson (Due Marseilles, Feb. 27.)
Amoy	Yuen Sang 5 p.m.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 27.	
Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Khiva 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hakone Maru 1 p.m.
Manila	President Taft 4.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hang Sang 5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28.	
Amoy	Tai Yuan 3.30 p.m.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 29.	
Holhow, Pakhoi & Haiphong	Kiangchow 10.30 a.m.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 30.	
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Yang 1 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	Comorin (Due Marseilles, Feb. 27.)
K.P.O.	G.P.O.
Parcels Jan. 30, 4.30 p.m.	Parcels Jan. 30, 5 p.m.
Registration Jan. 31, 9 a.m.	Registration Jan. 31, 9.45 a.m.
Letters Jan. 31, 10 a.m.	Letters Jan. 31, 10.30 a.m.
Manila, Rabaul, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane	Nellore (Due Brisbane, Feb. 17.)
Parcels Jan. 30, 5 p.m.	Registration Jan. 31, 8.30 a.m.
Letters Jan. 31, 8.30 a.m.	
SATURDAY, JANUARY 31.	
Japan and *Canada via Victoria, B.C.	Tyndareus (Due Victoria, B.C., Feb. 24.)
Registration Jan. 31, 9.15 a.m.	Registration Jan. 31, 9.15 a.m.
Letters Jan. 31, 10 a.m.	Letters Jan. 31, 10 a.m.
Manila	President McKinley 4.30 p.m.
Japan	Ginyo Maru 5 p.m.

\*Superscribed correspondence only.

## S.M.C. SUEB.

## ACTION BROUGHT BY MR. S. M. EDWARDS.

## IMPORTANT ISSUES.

Shanghai, January 11.  
It was learnt yesterday that the Court of Consuls will try at an early date, probably within a month, the action instituted against the Shanghai Municipal Council by its suspended Secretary, Mr. S. M. Edwards. Shortly before noon yesterday Mr. G. H. Wright, of Messrs. Hansons, legal representatives of the Council, filed defendant's reply to the petition of Mr. Edwards, who is represented by Messrs. White-Cooper and Co. Incidentally yesterday was the last day in which the Council had to send in their reply.

Mr. Edwards' claim is for salary at Tls. 1,500 a month up to September 1932, on which day his contract with the Council expires; first-class passages for himself and his family to England, superannuation fund, in addition to \$5,000 for alleged damage to his reputation following the announcement of the Council that they would not renew his contract. He is also asking for costs of action. In his petition Mr. Edwards states that in a recent letter the Council intimated to him that his contract would not be renewed on the ground of "inefficiency."

The petition does not give any figures for the passages claimed or the amount of the superannuation fund. The importance of the case is evidenced from the fact that a special meeting of the Consular Body was held on Thursday afternoon in the office of Mr. J. Van Haute, Consul-General for Belgium and concurrently the Senior Consul, at which five, instead of the usual three, members were elected to serve on the bench of the Court for the coming year.

This increase is unprecedented in the history of the Court. Since 1892 when the Rules of Procedure of the Court of Consuls came into operation only three Consuls were elected every year as judges of the Court.

It is understood that the addition of two members—Mr. Van Haute, the Belgian Consul-General, and Mr. F. E. H. Groeman, Consul-General for the Netherlands—was thought fit in view of the pending action of Mr. Edwards against the Council. It was thought that it would be advisable to have a larger representation of consuls of foreign nations on the Court bench.

The election of members of the court usually takes place at the first meeting of the Consular Body each year in January under the Land Regulations. In addition to the two new members the Court will also be composed this year of the following three consuls who were re-elected: Messrs. J. F. Brennan, C.M.G., H.M. Consul-General; Douglas Jenkins, Consul-General for the United States and Kuramatsu Mural, Consul-General for Japan.

## Important Issues.

It was stated in an authoritative quarter yesterday that important issues will be presented in the forthcoming case of Edwards v. S.M.C. irrespective of the amount involved.

Full particulars of the claim were not available. It was explained to a representative of "The Shanghai Sunday Times" that the parties concerned were unwilling to give out anything which might be distorted by others and used for purposes of propaganda.

The last case against the Council was filed by Khoo-zaza, a Chinese contractor, who sought to recover Tls. 2,000 damages resulting from the invasion of the roof of his house by police officers while conducting the raid on the famous wheel of Carlos Garcia at 161-C Rubbling Well Road. Before the dismissal of the case Mr. Wright for the Council, moved the Court for a ruling that in future, frivolous claims should not be allowed to be brought against the Council.

## AIM OF JAPAN.

## LINE OF POLICY TO ASSIST CHINA.

## "A HELPING HAND."

Tokyo, Yesterday.  
Baron Shidehara, as the head of the Administration in the absence of Mr. Hamaguchi, the Premier, reviewed the general political situation at the opening of the Diet this morning.

He said an event which exercised a most decisive influence on Japan's foreign relations was the London Naval Treaty, adding that it was impossible to over-estimate the significance of the part which this Treaty played in stabilising the international situation, putting an end, as it did, to the possibility of competition between the three great Naval Powers.

Dealing at length with Sino-Japanese relations, Baron Shidehara referred to the civil war of last year, and said the events which paved the way for peace and unity were a welcome change, both in the interests of China and the general situation in the Far East.

Japan was not unmindful of the manifold difficulties lying ahead for China, which was now turning its attention to a line of policy designed to consolidate the foundations of the Republic and to secure for China a due position in the comity of nations.

## Good Wishes for China.

If this inference were justified, China was following a trail once blazed by Japan and "for China's success we offer sincere good wishes and are willing to render co-operation."

"When China seriously proceeded with constructive reforms and afforded due protection to persons and property, and when her international obligations are satisfactorily discharged, then would the so-called unequal treaties lose their foundations and all the Powers cheerfully agree to the relinquishment of the existing exceptional regime."

Baron Shidehara went on to say that in Sino-Japanese problems, any resort to propaganda or threats would only serve to make fresh complications. Only by mutual co-operation and a sympathetic understanding of each other's viewpoints could all issues satisfactorily be solved.

Referring to the Hankow and Nanking incidents of 1927, he said that these virtually had been settled and the subject of cables linking China and Japan had also been settled.

Manchurian Railways.  
Regarding the railways in Manchuria there were still some unsolved questions, but he proposed to exert every endeavour to settle them upon the lines indicated.

"We seek nothing like unfair or selfish terms," he declared, "nor do we believe that China harbours any design to ruin the South Manchurian Railway."

On the subject of Soviet-Japanese relations Baron Shidehara was happy to observe that the volume of trade had trebled since 1924, and regarding other matters still under discussion, he said: "We are persuaded that the Soviet Government are as ready as we are to compose them in the light of the larger interests of mutual friendship."

Baron Shidehara concluded by stating that Japanese relations with Europe and America were entirely satisfactory.—Reuter.

## MINE EXPLOSION.

## FIVE MEN KILLED IN LANARKSHIRE.

London, Yesterday.  
Five men were killed and several injured in an explosion in Auchengoch colliery, at Chryston, Lanarkshire, this morning.

Six rescuers were gassed, and had to be taken to hospital.—Reuter.

who, he submitted, could not be held liable for damages as the result of certain action of its police, while in the execution of their duty—Sunday Times.

## EXCHANGES.

## TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London—	
Bank, wire .....	11%
Bank, on demand .....	11%
Bank, 4 months' sight .....	11%
Credits, 4 months' sight .....	1/— 5/16
Documentary, 4 months' sight .....	1/— 7/16
On Paris—	
On demand .....	600
Credits, 4 months' sight .....	640
On New York—	
On demand .....	23 1/2
Credits, 60 days' sight .....	24 1/2
On Bombay—	
Wire .....	65%
On demand .....	65%
On Calcutta—	
Wire .....	65%
On demand .....	65%
On Singapore—	
On demand .....	41%
On Manila—	
On demand .....	47 1/2
On Shanghai—	
On demand .....	Tls. 75
Dollar .....	3 1/2% dis.
On Yokohama—	
On demand .....	47 1/2
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) .....	1/— 3/16
Silver (per oz.) .....	13 15/16
Bar Silver in Hong Kong .....	Nominal
Copper Cash .....	Nominal
Copper Cents .....	3% prem.
Rate of Native Interest .....	3 1/2% p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin .....	21 1/2% dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin Par	

## HYGIENE SERVICE.

## U.S. EXPERT COMING OUT TO CHINA.

New York, Yesterday.  
Mr. William Wesley Peter sails in February in response to the invitation of the Chinese Government to organise a hygiene propaganda service.—Reuter's American Service.  
[Mr. W. W. Peter is an American health educator. He was for many years the editor of the department of preventive medicine of the China Medical Journal. During the Great War he served with the Chinese Labour Corps in France and later became a member of the Chinese and Foreign Famine Sanitation Board and Director of the Council of Health Education of China. He is a member of the China Medical Missionary Association.]

## JAVA 'QUAKE.

## HUNDREDS OF HOUSES DEMOLISHED.

Batavia, Yesterday.  
The death roll in yesterday's earthquake shocks in Central Java is now eighteen, while over forty were injured, fifteen seriously. Hundreds of native houses were demolished. Further shocks were felt last night, and all these tremors are believed to be tectonic, not volcanic.—Reuter.

## ANTI-FASCIST PAMPHLETS.

## Prison For Airmen Who Dropped Them On Milan.

The Federal Court at Lugano has published the sentence on Bassaneli, the Italian aviator who earlier this year flew over Milan and dropped anti-Fascist pamphlets on the city.

He is condemned to four months' imprisonment and a fine of 200 Swiss francs for having flown over Switzerland without a regular licence and for having flown over the forts of St. Gothard. His machine has been seized. The other accused, who were alleged to have been accomplices of Bassaneli, have all been acquitted.

A wire received by the S.M.R. Interlineal Office, Dairen, says that the C.E.R. is going to discount the passenger fares of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd classes from February 1 next. The rate of discount seems to be from 25 to 30 per cent, and will of course apply also to the through tickets for the Europe-Far Eastern through express, the C.E.R.-S.M.R. and Chinese Government lines through travel.

## HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE

## Opening Daily Official Quotations 23rd Jan., 1931.

STOCK	Buy-ers	Sell-ers	Sales	Non.	Fin. year	Last dividend and when paid
Banks.						
Hong Kong Bank .....	2020	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus 21 1/2% 1930 ex. 1/11—27.14 ...] Pending
Chartered Bank .....	...	...	...	16 1/2	Dec.	[Interim 7% free 1/11/30 1/20 1/20] Sep. — 30
Mercantile Bk., A.B. & C. .....	...	...	...	25	Dec.	[Interim 24% a/c 1930 1/20 1/20] Sep. — 30
Bank of Asia .....	120	...	...	...	Dec.	\$5 for 1929 .....
Insurance.						
Canon Ins. ....	...	...	...	1800	Dec.	[Final 27 for 1930] May 15, 30
Union Ins. ....	505	600	...	...	Dec.	[Interim 4% a/c 1930 1/20 1/20] May 30, 30
*China Underwriters .....	3.20	...	...	...	Dec.	None
China Fire Ins. ....	475	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 24 bonus 24 1/2% 1930 ex. 1/11—27.14 ...] May 30, 30
H. K. Fire Ins. ....	...	...	...	1800	Dec.	[Interim 21 a/c 1930 1/20 1/20] Mar. 23, 30
Shipping.						
Douglases .....	...	...	...	28 1/2	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929 .....
H. K. Steamboats .....	...	28 1/2	...	...	Dec.	\$1.50 for 1929 .....
Indo-China (Prel.) .....	...	...	...	45	Dec.	[Int. ex. 2 1/2 on preferred for 1924 and 1925] Mar. 4, 30
Shell Transport .....	...	...	...	47	Dec.	[Interim 2% coupon No. 571 free 1/11/30 1/20 1/20] June 10, 30
Union Waterboats .....	...	...	...	39	Dec.	\$1.50 for 1929 .....
Mining.						
Benguet .....	...	...	...	11	Dec.	[Final 40 centavos making 1.20 for 1930] Dec. 30, 30
Kailan Mining Ad. .....	...	...	...	30 1/2	June	[Fin. 4% free 1/11/30 1/20 1/20 making 9% for year 1929-30] Dec. 30, 30
Langkat .....	...	...	...	8 1/2	Oct.	\$1.40 for year 1929-30 May 8, 30
S'hai Exploration .....	...	...	...	2 1/2	Dec.	None
*Loans .....	6 1/2	...	...	...	Dec.	[Interim 2.5 a/c 1930 1/20 1/20] July 1, 30
*Rauha .....	...	40	...	...	Mar.	[Second Int. 10% a/c year 1929-30] Dec. 13, 30
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.						
H. K. & S. Wharves .....	...	...	17 1/2	...	Dec.	\$9 for 1929 .....
H. K. & W. Docks .....	30	...	...	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929 .....
South Ch. Motors .....	...	...	10	...	...	...
*China Provident (old) .....	5.80	...	5.85	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929 .....
(new) .....	...	...	2.65	...	...	...
Hongkew .....	...	...	28 1/2	...	Dec.	[Interim 2.5 a/c 1930 1/20 1/20] Sep. 12, 30
N. Engineering .....	...	...	6 1/2	...	Dec.	\$1.50 for 1929 .....
Shanghai Docks .....	...	...	10 1/2	...	Apr.	\$1.75 for year 1928-29 July 30, 30
Land, Hotels & Buildings.						
*H. K. & S. Hotels .....	12.65	12.85	12 1/2	...	Dec.	50 cents for 1929 .....
H.K. Lands (old) .....	...	...	8 1/2	...	...	...
(new A) .....	...	...	...	...	...	...
(new B) .....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shanghai Lands .....	...	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 21 making 21 1/2% 1930 ex. 1/11—27.14 ...] Pending
Humphreys (Cum Rts.) .....	...	...	...	...	Dec.	[Interim 2.5 a/c 1930 1/20 1/20] July 31, 30
*Rights .....	...	...	17 1/2	...	Dec.	\$1.50 for 1929 .....
H. K. Realities .....	...	...	...	...	Dec.	[Interim 30 cents a/c 1929-30] May 1, 30
Chinese Estates .....	...	...	...	...	Feb.	\$1 for year 1929-30 Sep. 4, 30
Cotton Mills.						
*Ewo Cotton .....	...	...	14.05	...	Dec.	[Final 2.5 a/c 1929 1/20 1/20] Mar. 17, 30
Shanghai Cotton .....	...	...	...	...	Dec.	\$1.55 for half year 1929-30 Nov. 23, 30
Zoong Sing .....	10	...	...	...	June	\$1.50 for year 1928-29 Oct. 11, 30
Public Utilities.						
*H. K. Tramways .....	17.80	...	...	...	Dec.	[Interim 40 cents a/c 1930 1/20 1/20] Aug. 27, 30
Peak Tram (old) .....	...	...	14 1/2	...	Apr.	30 cts. on old for year 1929-30 June 15, 30
(new) .....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Star Ferry .....	...	...	...	...	Dec.	\$1 for 1929 .....
*China Light .....	25.20	...	25.20	...	Sept.	[Final 50 cts. a/c yr. 1929-30] Pending
H. K. Electric .....	80	80 1/2	80	...	Dec.	\$2.50 for 1929 .....
Macao .....	...	...	28	...	Dec.	...
Sandakan Light .....	...	...	...	...	June	None
H.K. Tel. fully paid .....	...	...	...	...	Dec.	[Int. 10 cents] a/c 1930 Aug. 1, 30
Sandakan .....	...	...	...	...	Dec.	[Int. 10 cents] a/c 1930 Aug. 1, 30
China Buses .....	...	...	...	...	Dec.	\$1.50 for 1929 .....
S'pore Traction (Ord.) .....	...	...	...	...	Sept.	[Int. 10 cents] a/c 1930 Feb. 23, 30
(Prel.) .....	...	...	...	...	...	[Int. 10 cents] a/c 1930 Feb. 23, 30
Industries.						
China Sugars .....	...	...	...	80 cts.	...	In Liquidation .....
Malayan Sugars .....	...	...	...	27	Dec.	\$1.50 for 1929 .....
Cald: Macg. Ord. .....	...	...	...	10 1/2	Dec.	[Int. 4% 1/11/30 1/20 1/20] Apr. 11, 30
*Prel. .....	...	...	...	10.40	...	...
Canton Ice .....	...	...	...	5.60	July	None
*Cement (com.) .....	16.60	16 1/2	16.70	...	Dec.	[Int. 30 cents on old for 1929 1/20 1/20] Mar. 19, 30
(old) .....	12.10	...	...	...	...	...
(new) .....	...	...	...	...	...	...
H. K. Ropes .....	...	...	18 1/2	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929 .....
Stores, &c.						
Dairy Farm (old) .....	28.10	...	...	...	Dec.	\$1.50 for 1929 .....
(new) .....	...	...	...	24 1/2	Dec.	...
Watsons .....	...	...	...	12.60	Oct.	70 cents for year 1929-30 Mar. 21, 30
Der A Wings .....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lane Crawfords .....	...	...	...	...	Feb.	Last dividend for year 1928-29 .....
Mackinnons .....	...	...	...	19	Feb.	\$2 for year 1928-29 May 15, 30
Sincere .....	...	...	...	18 1/2	...	...
Wm. Powells .....	...	...	...	28 1/2	Feb.	25 cents for year 1928-29 June 10, 29
Venezuela Gold Fields .....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Miscellaneous.						
H.K. Amuse. (C. R.) .....	23 1/2	...	...	...	Mar.	\$2.50 for year 1929-30 Sept. 27, 30
(Rights) .....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cb. Entertainment .....	19 1/2	...	...	...	...	...
H. K. Constructions .....	...	...	...	5.30	Dec.	None
B. Ind. G.S. Bonds .....	...	...	...	67 1/2	...	...
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**CHICAGO BANDITS' RAID.**  
Dancing Girls Shot  
Dead.  
New York, Nov. 24.  
Two dancing girls were shot  
dead and a number of men and  
women were severely wounded by  
revolver and shotgun fire in a  
midnight raid by eight bandits on  
a road house near Chicago yester-  
day. The bandits, who drove up  
in motor-cars, burst into the house,  
and aimed revolvers and sawed off  
shotguns at the entertainers and  
guests, who were either drinking  
at the bar or dining in the inner  
room.

The bandits having ordered  
their victims to stand against the  
wall and hold up their hands, pro-  
ceeded to go through their pockets.  
Finding the light too dim for their  
purposes one of the bandits leaned  
over the bar to turn on the main  
lights. As he did so a railway  
policeman who had been in another  
room came in accompanied by his  
dog—a Great Dane. The dog see-  
ing a stranger leaning over the bar,  
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his teeth in his side. As the dog  
leapt on him the man's hand slipped  
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the lights. The policeman and the  
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whizzed about the room, many  
persons being shot. The dog,  
angered by his wounds and the  
screams of the injured, ran  
about biting at those who had been  
thrown to the ground.

## ROUND THE CINEMAS

"SHOOTING" A SCENE FOR  
"ATLANTIC."

### DUPONT'S FLOOD.

E. A. Dupont reverted to noc-  
turnal habits during the "Shoot-  
ing" of the flood scene in "Atlan-  
tic," and had his people working  
through several nights. For the  
flooding of the grand staircase of  
the "Atlantic," now showing at the  
Queen's Theatre, literally thousands  
of tons of water swirled round the  
furniture and fittings, in a highly  
realistic fashion. It was quite un-  
necessary for those concerned to go  
out of their way to register their  
emotions, for as they soon discovered,  
the water was ice-cold. The jazz  
band which synchronises this item  
plays with a certain amount of fit-  
ness, "How long has this been going  
on?"

### "MAMBA."

If ever a picture combined all  
that it takes to make complete and  
perfect entertainment, that picture is  
"Mamba," the Tiffany feature  
produced entirely in dialogue and  
Technicolor and shown for the first  
time at the Central Theatre yester-  
day.

"Mamba" makes many bids to  
fame as an outstanding picture of  
the year. It is a spectacular pro-  
duction, tells a powerful story, is  
perfectly acted and directed and  
beautifully photographed.

For the first time we find in a  
screen drama the strange situation  
that sprang up between British  
and German soldiers and civilians  
who had lived for years as friends  
and neighbours in the African  
colonies of those two countries and  
suddenly found themselves facing  
each other as enemies by reason  
of the outbreak of the great war in  
far away Europe.

Colour subjects, of course, have  
been made before and are, in them-  
selves, no novelty, but the back-  
ground of "Mamba"—the African  
jungle, the tropics, the gaudy war  
regalia of the natives, the flashing  
uniforms of German and British  
Colonial troops—offers a kaleidos-  
cope before unequalled.

From the viewpoint of the spec-  
tacular, "Mamba" sets a new high.  
It presents limitless jungles, the  
valley and impenetrable forests. We  
see a native village with its hun-  
dreds of blacks, a never-ending  
menace to the whites, regardless of  
nationality. We see the savages in  
their picturesque and often terrify-  
ing tribal dances. We see the burn-  
ing of the native village and, finally,  
the attack by the horde of black  
savages on the little settlement, de-  
fended by only a handful of men in  
command of a gallant German  
officer who has determined to die  
fighting. Then the shrill note of a  
bugle signals the arrival of a crush-  
ing British force, who save the day.

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about biting at those who had been  
thrown to the ground.

The bandits then fought their  
way out and disappeared in a  
motor-car. By the time police rein-  
forcements arrived many of the  
wounded had been taken away by  
their uninjured friends. Some of  
the wounded were found lying on  
the floor near the wall. They had  
been hit in the back before they  
dared open to turn round.

This is tense drama and spine-  
tingling melodrama in unusual  
proportions. In full sound, recorded  
by RCA Photophone and Techni-  
color, marvellous effects have been  
obtained.

The dramatic burden is carried  
capably by Jean Herschell, Eleanor  
Boardman and Ralph Forbes, Her-  
schell is superb. It is undoubtedly  
his greatest characterisation—this  
German planter, gross, ugly, bestial,  
despicable but immensely rich.  
The title, "Mamba," being the name  
of a deadly snake of the country, is  
made to symbolize the character of  
"Bolte."

Eleanor Boardman is exquisite as  
the gentle flower of German nobility  
who marries Bolte because his  
money will save her impoverished  
father, but it is not until after she  
learns what a beast he is and that  
he is the most despised man in East  
Africa. When she meets Karl von  
Reiden, so gallantly played by Ralph  
Forbes, a romance starts that leads  
to many tense dramatic situations.

"CALL OF THE FLESH."  
"Singing leaves" are no asset to  
movie music. Leaves in shrubs in a  
garden bower on a movie set had  
to be sprayed with glycerine in  
order that they wouldn't interrupt a  
singer.

In filming Ramon Novarro's new  
musical picture, "Call of the Flesh,"  
which will open on Sunday at the  
Queen's Theatre, it was found that  
leaves in a garden scene vibrated  
against the orchestral accompani-  
ment, so that the rustle was appar-  
ent in the delicate microphone.  
Glycerine was used to soften the  
counter vibration.

Novarro sings a number of opera-  
tic arias as well as lighter composi-  
tions in his new production. In-  
cluded in the supporting cast are:  
Dorothy Jordan, Ernest Torrence,  
Nance O'Neill, Renee Adoree,  
Mathilde Comont and Russell Hop-  
ton. Charles Brabin directed.

**"BLACK MAGIC."**  
A lonely island in the South Seas,  
is the pretty setting of Warner  
Brothers' Production "Black Magic"  
which is being screened at the Star  
Theatre to-day and to-morrow at  
the usual times.

The story tells of the lives of a  
rake (Earle Fox), a coward (Fred  
Feld), a drunkard (Henry B. Wal-  
thall), and a man (John Holland).  
They come to meet on the island,  
and live among the black natives.  
The drunkard, a one-time famous  
surgeon, has two daughters, Jose-  
phine Dunn and Dorothy Jordan,  
the former having the romantic  
lead with John Holland, who is  
seen in the role of a pearl hunter.

Many intimate scenes of native  
ceremonies are given in this film,  
which also depicts the evils of a  
witch-doctor.

In addition, there is shown a  
Prizma, which depicts "Hawaii,"  
also, a comedy, entitled "Stock  
Exchange" featuring Bobby Ver-  
non.

Miss Campton is dead. Her  
name hardly known to-day, was  
famous a decade ago when  
Mistinguett was a struggling  
artist.

Miss Campton, a cockney  
originally, came to Paris as a  
member of one of the first filles  
troupees to visit Paris. She had  
personality, and an accent which  
sent audiences at the Folies  
Bergere into fits of laughter.

After a struggle she was a star,  
before the other English artist,  
Harry Fragson, had won recogni-  
tion. Fragson's name was Potts,  
but what Miss Campton's name was  
nobody knew, she would never tell.

It was the success of Miss Cam-  
pton which made Mlle. Tanguy  
change her name to Miss Tanguy,  
afterwards corrupted into Mistinguett.

Miss Campton married a French  
comedian who has played in Lon-  
don, but she was divorced.  
A few years ago she married M.  
Paul Dervar, the manager of the  
Folies Bergere, where she had  
made her first appearance.

## RADIO

### TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will  
be broadcast to-day from the  
Hong Kong Broadcasting Station  
Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 865  
metres:—

5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.  
7 p.m.—Stock Quotations.  
7-12 midnight—European Pro-  
gramme of Columbia Records kind-  
ly supplied by Messrs. Anderson  
Music Co.  
7-7.45 p.m.—Variety.  
Chorus—  
Bachanalia—Drinking Songs Fan-  
tasia (arr. Finch).  
Herman Finck and His  
Orchestra (9240).  
Vocal Humorous Duet—  
We Must All Pull Together,  
Tid-ile-id-ile-um-pum.  
The Two Gilberts (214).  
Marimba Solo—Alma O.  
Xylophone Solo—Minuet.  
Rudy Starita (4782).  
Song—  
The Song I Love,  
Someday, Somewhere,  
Marie Foster, Soprano (5349).  
Humorous Monologue—  
Mr. Potter Visits Southend,  
Gillie Potter (5067).  
Orchestra—  
Mistakes,  
I Can't Give You Anything  
But Love,  
Albert Sandler and His  
Orchestra (5222).  
Fan Fare of Trumpets—  
Le Vieux Grenadier (Courtade),  
Marche Des Boucliers (Courtade).  
Directed by A. Courtade  
(5139).  
7.45-8.12 p.m.—Orchestra.  
Classical—Selections (Ewing).  
J. H. Squire Celeste Octet  
(9440).  
A Musical Jig-Saw (Aston).  
Court Symphony Orchestra  
(948).  
Jelly Fellows (Volstead).  
Hydropon (Jos. Gungl).  
New Concert Orchestra  
(9388).  
8.12-8.55 p.m.—From the Land  
of Heather.  
Robt. Burns—  
A Man Amongst Men.  
By the Rt. Hon. J. Ramsay  
Macdonald, M.P. (9770).  
Highland Band—  
Highland Fling (Stumple).  
Highland Military Band  
(4751).  
Song—  
The Auld Scots Songs  
(Bethune & Leeson, arr. Moffat).  
I'm Glad My Heart's My Ain  
(Ingalls). Margaret F. Stewart,  
Soprano (4758).  
Band—  
Scottish Medley (Deboy Somers).  
Deboy Somers' Band (9425).  
Song—  
Lassie O' Mine (Walt & Bowles).  
Fraser (Gang), Baritone  
(5144).  
Band—  
The Thistle—Selection of Scottish  
Melodies (Myddleton arr.  
Winterbottom).  
H.M. Grenadier Guards'  
Band (9102).  
9 p.m.—Weather Report, Local  
Time, etc.  
8.55-9.25 p.m.—  
Organ Solo—  
Excerpt from "Subhi Kazib"  
(Lowe & Gower-Brown).  
Flower of Love (Axt & Mendoza).  
Quentin M. McLean (5362).  
Song—  
Time to Go  
(Weatherly & Sanderson).  
Malcolm McEachern, Bass  
(4893).  
Humorous Song—  
That's a Good Girl—  
Chirp, Chirp,  
Sweet So and So,  
Jack Buchanan (4852).  
Song—  
That's a Good Girl—  
A Marching Song,  
Raymond Newell (4953).  
Parting Time,  
Jack Buchanan, Vera Pearce,  
Raymond Newell (4953).  
Song—  
Song of the Sea—  
All Day Long,  
Lillian Davies, Soprano  
(5086).  
Women ... Archie W. Baskoomb  
Comedian (5086).  
9.25-9.50 p.m.—  
Operatic.  
Romeo & Juliet—  
Overture Fantasia (Tchaikovsky).  
William Mengelberg and  
His Concert Orchestra  
(56).  
Mistofele—  
Il Bel Giovannetto (Belto),  
La Traviata,  
Chorus of Gipsies (Verdi),  
La Scala Chorus of Milan  
(4802).  
Madam Butterfly—Selections  
(Puccini, arr. Humphrey).  
New Queen's Hall Light  
Orchestra (9308).  
9.50-12 midnight—Dance Pro-  
gramme.  
Fox Trot—  
If I Could be with You,  
Roamin' Thru' the Roses ... (155).  
I'm Following You,  
I'm Sailing a Sunbeam ... (22).  
Slow Fox Trot—  
Angel Mother,  
Fox Trot—  
Are You a Russian? ... (167).  
Why am I so Romantic?  
Waltz—  
It's For You ... (161).  
One Step—  
We Must All Pull Together,  
Gorgonzola ... (150).  
Tango—  
Mélodie Du Reve,  
Julian ... (3870).  
Fox Trot—  
Pickin' Petals off O'Dalees,  
A Night of Happiness ... (4).  
Crying for the Carolines,  
Have a Little Faith in Me ... (38).  
Song of Swanes,  
Tango-Fox Trot—  
Once in a While ... (125).  
Waltz—  
The Same as we Used to do,  
A Slave to Love ... (147).  
Fox Trot—  
Take Along a Little Love,  
Wasn't It Nice ... (160).  
Follow a Star,  
Don't Wear Your Heart on Your  
Sleeve ... (140).  
Always in All Ways,  
Beyond the Blue Horizon ... (162).  
Oh! Donna Clara.  
(Continued at foot of preceding  
column.)



## TALKIE TALKS

Diana

A shipwreck melodrama which must be founded on the great catastrophe of the Titanic. It is Directed by A. E. Dupont who made such a success of "Variety" in which I saw Emil Jannings give one of the best performances of his career. I think this is the first All-British Talkie we have had here. The acting is fair, but the best of them all is Franklin Dyall. The story is by Ernest Raymond who wrote that unforgettable book—"Tell England." I had the honour of meeting him when he was on a Lecture Tour in Canada. The story tells of a great liner speeding across the Atlantic ablaze with light, dancing and gaiety, when with terrific suddenness comes a heartrending crash, as the vessel strikes an iceberg. Pandemonium reigns. Scenes of indescribable agony, a mass of seething humanity facing death with ineffable courage. You will see scenes of heroism, you will be proud of your race.

## A True Story.

You have to realize that this story is true. It is a picturization of one of the greatest sea tragedies in history. We go to War films—We do not like them, but we must face life in all its aspects. We, none of us want such a tragedy to come into our lives. One is left wondering what would be your own feelings when faced with death, as these poor souls were in that disaster. I remember the sensation it caused in America. I was there at the time. No one believed that the biggest ship in the world had gone down on that, her Maiden voyage. It was unthinkable, it was unbelievable, but alas too true. I do not wish to appear a little disloyal, but I certainly think Britain has much to learn in the great art of making pictures. This was far too drawn out, and slow in getting under way. It missed fire somewhere, but taken in all it is worth seeing. The "Short"—also produced in Britain, with British artists, was not worth considering.

## "The Call of the Flesh."

Ramon Novarro's newest Talkie, "The Call of the Flesh," will further strengthen his popularity. I liked it immensely. Dorothy Jordan is quite delightful, but the other woman—Renee Adoree is the better. This was her last picture before she was taken so seriously ill. Poor little thing she is to be another year in the Sanatorium in Arizona. Ernest Torrence makes us want more of his singing and playing, and a credible bit is done by the Ex-Opera-singer as the landlady. Do I see it? By all means. The singing in the opening scenes in the Church stands out in my memory. Novarro sings better than he ever did. The story is not far fetched, and although there is a little of the sob-stuff, I did not feel ashamed of my tears—(Fellow suffering makes the whole world kin)—Strongly recommended—(Queen's).

## Vagabond Lover.

Rudy Valle will shortly appear at the Central—(At least we are led to expect it)—in "The Vagabond Lover," so far his one and only Talkie. He disarms criticism of himself, because he does not attempt to act, but his singing will enchant those who so admire his Dance Records—and who does not). The film is an absurd concoction designed as a vehicle for Mr. Valle, who appears to be almost oblivious of what is going on around him. He just stands still and sings, for the most part with his eyes cast modestly down—as he does in the famous Rudy Valle's Night Club, where the crowds throng to hear the now world-famous crooning voice. Marie Dressler deserves a diadem of diamonds for her valiant effort to lift the picture, and she, as usual gets away with it. Sally Blane who needs a voice polishing, is the heroine. We cannot help admiring this man who has given us such pleasure with his super little Band. We must give credit where it is due, and his Victor records are tremendously popular all over the world—his success personally puzzles me. I think he is better unseen—yet when he appears in New York at the Paramount Theatres the police have to be called in to cope with the crowds—of women. "Rudy Valleitis" they call it, and it has brought in the young man a million in a few months. Do not miss seeing it. Oh, by the bye, when I saw it in America, he sang the old war-time favourite—by Clifford Grey—"I I were the Only Girl in the World," and so put it back on the Ten Cent Store Counters as a "best seller." I hope it is not left out here—that song has memories for so many of us.

## Song of My Heart.

"Song of My Heart" brings the world-famous tenor John Mc-

Cormack to the screen. His glorious voice is superbly recorded, and you certainly have your share of it. He does eleven songs, and the gem of them all is still "I Hear You Calling Me." How that man CAN sing that song, it is as perfect as ever—This film was nearly all taken in the Land of the Shamrock. I will not say what I think of the story and the support, only John and his voice counted with me. (Queen's).

## Strange Actions.

What a gripping little "Short"—that was we had this week at the Queen's—called "Friendship." Like the hero in the story I have found many strange actions done in my life that come under the heading of "Friendship"—and I am left, like he was, to wonder IF it exists. Excellent acting, especially by an old stage favourite of mine—Robert Edeson.

"Good News" is like the pardon from the Governor in the old song—"It came too late." Still there is little Bessie Love doing "The Varsity Drag" and Stanley Smith and Ukelele like to help along the far-fetched College story. It is from the stage play, but has been copied by so many other Studios that the story is no longer new. Still—it may please this Cosmopolitan audience, and it is cheery if it be nothing else—(Queen's).

Rod la Rocque was really good in an absurd part in "The Delightful Rogue." I was disappointed in Rita le Roy, but the story was so far-fetched that she must not be judged. (Central).

## Hollywood Gossip.

British International Pictures are being highly praised by the American critics. "Atlantic," "Suspense" and "Murder" all receive their share. They may prove a serious rival to the American Productions, because after all, the artists DO speak with such perfect diction, and how often are we left wondering whether we really know our own language when we hear it murdered by some of these American players.

The new baby Helfetz, has been called Joseph after father—(Mother Florence Vidor). Mary Pickford denies all. She will not retire, nor go on the stage, nor divorce Doug. Fifi Dorsey is teaching her the broken French accent required for the part in "Kiki."

Janet Gaynor is scheduled to play Mary's old favourite—"Daddy Long-Legs." This little girl has been the biggest disappointment to me, but she is still highly popular in America, anyhow.

Esther Ralston has made a remarkable come-back. Will play lead opposite Lawrence Tibbett in "The Southerner." I saw her in Vaudeville, and thought her above the average. How she has worked for this result, and behind it all is her husband George Webb, who is the man responsible for her improvement and success.

## Marjorie Rambeau.

One of the finest actresses I have ever seen is Marjorie Rambeau. Here she is, over forty, staging a remarkable success in the Talkies, that is when she is given parts worthy of her. She is said to be marvellous in "Her Man" with my favourite Helen Twelvetrees.

Rudy Valle and Nancy Carroll have been packing the two Paramount Theatres in New York and Brooklyn. That boy certainly works. Does eleven shows a day, and journeys in between the theatres. No sign of his great popularity waning.

I know that Marie Dressler is my "strongest weakness," but anything she says and does is O.K. with me. She has a philosophy in life that makes a special appeal to me (is it because introspection is my middle name)? Perhaps it will to you too. It has kept her balanced in the rough spots as well as smooth. She believes that whatever success comes to you is destined for you, that one is really a creature of chance. That philosophy works both ways, in reverses as well as successes. How many of the former has she had, but she does not lay the blame to herself. They happened in spite of all she could do, so WHY say our failures are those of FATE, and our suc-

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## Returned!

Hurrah. One of the finest actors on the screen—Leslie Fenton, has returned from his world tour. He states that he went in search of his soul, he is a peculiar character, but brilliantly clever, and with William Powell is one of the greatest "stealers" in pictures. He is to play with Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell in "The Man Who Came Back" I, for one, am glad he came back. Paul Lukas for whom a double had to be used in "The Wolf of Wall Street" has mastered English and is a riot with Ruth Chatterton in two succeeding pictures. You remember Louise Brooks who also used a double in "The Canary Murder Case?" She is back from Germany and will be with William Powell in his next—"Ladies Man." Anna May Wong, also back from England and the Continent is an enormous hit in a Broadway success—"On the Spot." Norma Shearer's first picture since the birth of the Thalberg son and heir, will be "Strangers May Kiss." Norma always overdoes that in her plays to my idea. She has made another enormous hit in "Let Us Be Gay" shortly at the Queen's.

## VALUE OF FOG.

## AN AGENT IN CREATING DRAMA.

The increased dramatic value of fog is considered by William C. De Mille, veteran director, as one of the important assets of the talking picture.

"Silent pictures undoubtedly improved acting, because of the definite demands of pantomime," stated De Mille, "but always with them we had certain barriers we could not cross."

"Lacking voice we could never do scenes where we could not see the people. If we had a telephone sequence we had to cut back and forth between our principals. In talking films we can play the whole scene with one person, getting the reactions of the other entirely by voice. My brother, Cecil, did this interestingly in 'Dynamite.'"

## Exciting Thing.

"But talkies permit us to go farther than that. There is no doubt that fog is one of the most dramatic things in all the natural world. Anyone who has been in London or San Francisco when one 'shut down' can attest to the many exciting things that can happen because of and under the cover of fog."

"But in silents we could never use fog, adequately, because, without voice, we had to keep clear the faces of our characters. In talkies, however, we don't need to see our players at all times. A scene like this occurs in my new picture, 'The Passion Flower' when Kay Johnson, unseen in fog, calls to Charles Bickford by far the most dramatic line in all the production."

## "THE MASTER."

## DIRECTORS PAY HOMAGE TO CHAPLIN.

While pro and con argument swirls around Charlie Chaplin's decision not to make talking pictures, five successful directors of comedies do obeisance and call him "Master."

These five men are the justification for the statement that Chaplin has trained more successful makers of laugh pictures than any other single individual in the industry.

They are Mel Brown, director of "Check and Double Check," Edward Sutherland, Monta Bell, Harry d'Arrast, director of "Laughter," and "Chuck" Reisner, who made "Caught Short," and is now completing "Reducing," another Marie Dressler-Polly Moran comedy for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. "Chaplin's methods are so thorough, so grounded in the fundamentals of laugh creation," stated Reisner recently, "that those fortunate enough to serve as his assistants secured a training that covered every possible point. Chaplin's individual production permits him to proceed one step at a time. His assistants, therefore, learn their business in a way that clings and is never forgotten. He is as great a teacher of his art as he is an artist."

## A TRIFLE TARDY.

Snappy dialogue of the day from "REDUCING," Marie Dressler-Polly Moran M-G-M. comedy, directed by Chuck Reisner: Polly (to Marie, speaking of Marie's picture husband, Lucien Littlefield)—"I don't see how you could marry a man who snores that way!" Marie: "It was too late when I found it out."

## "LIUGRAPHY."

## 180 WORDS A MINUTE SYSTEM.

Much interest is being shown in Peking in a new system of Chinese shorthand, devised by Mr. Liu Hsueh-chun, which is capable of recording 180 words per minute.

As each character, or "letter," in Chinese is a complete word, Chinese ideography would in itself be a type of shorthand, were it not that the characters are extremely elaborate, the writing of some of them requiring as many as thirty separate strokes of brush or pencil. Mr. Liu's system, which he calls "Liugraphy," simplifies these Chinese characters on a basis of phonetics, and as there are very

## WATER RETURN.

The level and storage of water in our reservoirs on January 1, 1931, is as under:—

City and Hill District.	1930	1931
Tytam .....	13' 3" B	23' 5" B
Tytam Byewash .....	19' 5" B	21' 4" B
Tytam Intermediate .....	0' 7" B	0' 2" B
Tytam Tuk .....	13' 11" B	17' 1" B
Wong Nei Chung .....	19' 1" B	17' 8" B
Pokfulum .....	10' 11" B	17' 1" B
(Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow"; A. denotes "Above Overflow"; L. denotes "Level with Overflow.")		
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.	1930	1931
Tytam .....	295.30	212.98
Tytam Byewash .....	3.63	2.13
Tytam Intermediate .....	192.65	104.36
Tytam Tuk .....	757.42	1,035.33
Wong Nei Chung .....	10.65	11.65
Pokfulum .....	42.38	29.94

Total .....

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of December.

	1929	1930
Estimated population .....	210,64	276.89
Estimated population .....	438,580	448,000
Consumption per head per day .....	15.5	10.9
December, 1929.—During the whole month a 12-hours supply (6 a.m.—6 p.m.) was given to all Rider Main Districts. Principal Mains closed (6 p.m.—4 a.m.).		
December, 1930.—Constant supply throughout the City, Hill and High Level districts during the whole month with the exception of the districts West of Eastern Street where a constant street fountain supply was operated from December 1 to 31, 1930.		

Kowloon.	1930	1931
Kowloon Reservoir .....	0' 2" A	2' 10" B
Shed Lai Pui Reservoir .....	9' 11" B	1' 1" B
Reception Reservoir .....	1' 8" B	1' 8" B
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.	1930	1931
Kowloon Reservoir .....	354.24	323.66
Shed Lai Pui Reservoir .....	79.28	111.67
Reception Reservoir .....	28.75	28.75

Total .....

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of December.

	1929	1930
Estimated population .....	116,38	138.38
Estimated population .....	173,260	178,300
Consumption per head per day .....	21.7	25.0
Constant supply in all districts during December, 1929 and 1930.		
The Government Analyst's reports show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.		
Total rainfall: December 31, 1929, 69.83; December 31, 1930, 96.09.		

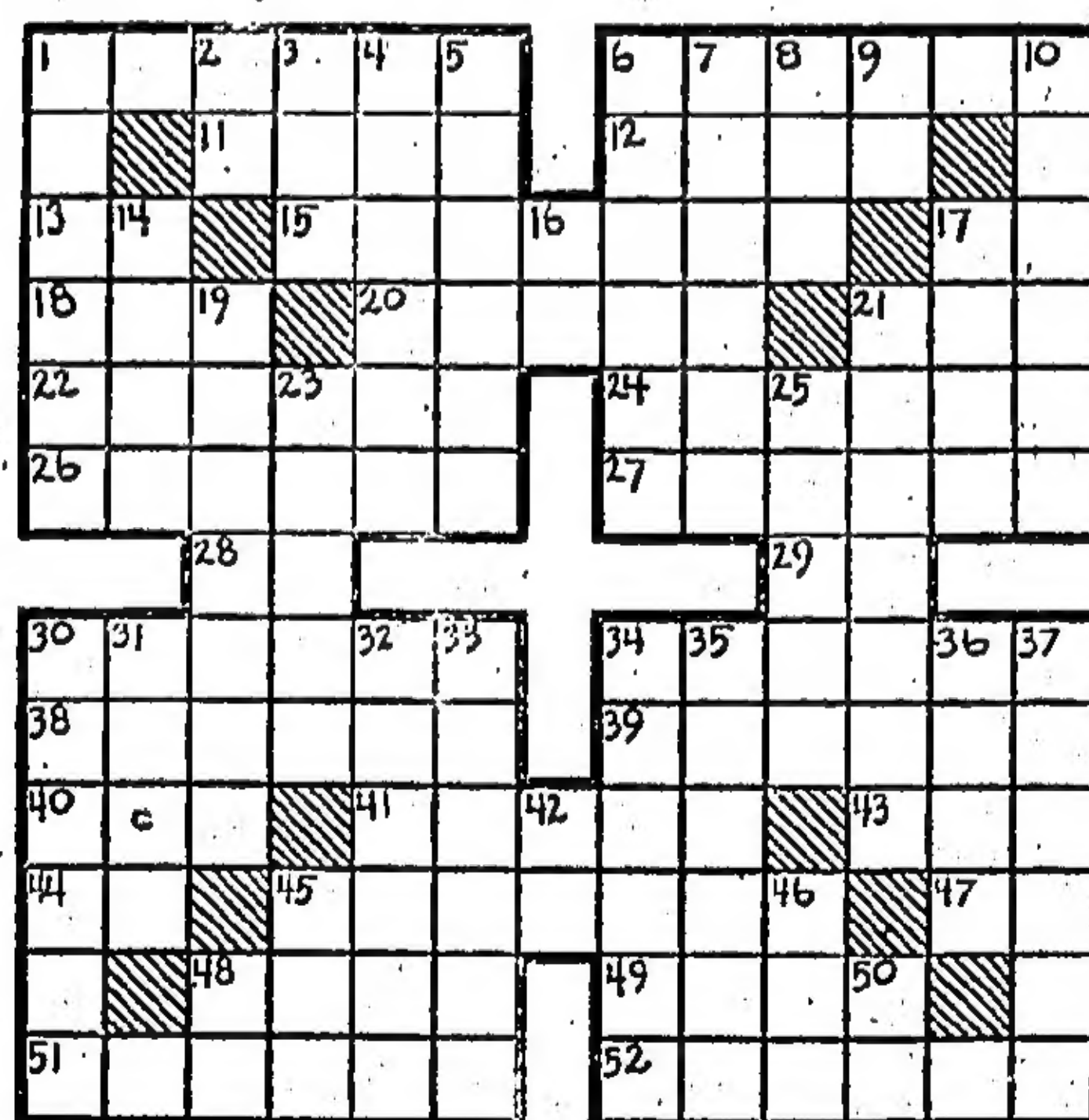
few separate sounds in the language, he claims that his system is very easy to learn.

Anyone who knows Chinese should be able to learn "Liugraphy" by studying an hour a day for three months, the inventor asserts, and he himself has given frequent demonstrations in Peking to prove that he can write 180 words per minute.

Mr. Liu has written a book explaining his system of stenography which is soon to be published.

## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



## HORIZONTAL

- To have recourse to
- Gods of the dawn (Gr. Myth.)
- Chief of the gods (Norse Myth.)
- Makes face
- Pronoun
- Possessive of Asgard
- Member of Parliament (abbr.)
- Constellation
- Roughly, one drop
- Little island in inland waters
- Decayed
- Junior as in rank (law)
- One's entire property
- Respect
- Because
- A month (abbr.)
- A covering for the lower leg
- Percolated
- In card playing to fail to follow suit when possible

## HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- Coquette
- Gods of the dawn (Gr. Myth.)
- To gather crop
- Cardinal Public
- Accountant (abbr.)
- Half an am
- Reptiles and fishes (Zool.)
- Period of time (abbr.)
- Grove
- Melody
- Fierce
- City in Asia Minor

## VERTICAL (Cont.)

- Combining form. Seven
- Greek god of love
- Indefinite article
- Belonging to me
- Achieves
- Free from disease
- To have a particular flavor
- Country of Europe
- Natives of Greece
- Classical form of son
- A drink of milk, eggs and spirits
- Toll
- Supposedly new element resembling thorium
- Discover
- The law (Sansk.)
- Printer's measure
- A wing-like part
- Somewhat (abbr.)
- Sons of Veterans (abbr.)
- Comparative ending of adjectives

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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## BEGINNING OF THE YEAR.

Julius Caesar and Pope Gregory.

CONSIDERED AS A CIRCLE.

New York, Dec. 30.  
 The majority of the world will to-morrow celebrate the beginning of another year but few people know why this begins on January 1.  
 There is really no reason for starting each new year on the day called January 1, except that Julius Caesar so decreed it when he reformed the calendar 1,976 years ago. But the day of the year that Caesar called January 1 is not the day that is so designated. Instead it is the day now called December 28.  
 Because Caesar assumed the year to be 11 minutes and 14 seconds longer than it really is, the date "crawled" through the centuries away from the position that he gave them, until by 1582 they were 14 days out of place. January 1 had advanced almost to the middle of the January marked out by Caesar.  
 In attempting to correct this discrepancy, Pope Gregory turned the calendar back, not to its position in Caesar's day, but to its position at the time of the Council of Nicaea in 325 A.D. when the calendar had already crawled forward four days. Had Pope Gregory made a complete correction, January 1 would have fallen on the day now called December 28.  
 But after all, the fact that January 1 is still four days away from the position fixed by the fat of a Roman emperor is of no great significance. The really important matter is that the date shall not drift away from its moorings and take up new positions with reference to the seasons; and its stability within a very tiny range was properly assured by the corrections which Pope Gregory made.

The Starting Place.

The year is a repetition of the same months and days, and can best be thought of as a circle. A trip around a circle can start at any point and similarly the year could be thought of as starting on any day. In fact, throughout the past, different people have started the year in all four of the seasons.  
 In the Gregorian calendar this date occurs 12 days earlier than in the Julian; thus New Year's Day is the English 13th of January.  
 The ancient Egyptians, Phoenicians and Persians began their year at the Autumnal Equinox (September 21) and the Greeks until the 5th Century B.C., at the Winter Solstice (December 21). The ancient Romans once celebrated

## BIG HULKING BRUTE

MR. GRIMMITT'S DESCRIPTION OF A SMUGGLER.

"A big hulking brute like defendant should not go in for smuggling, he should find work to do," remarked Revenue Officer A. W. Grimmitt at the Central Second Court this morning, when he charged a Chinese man, before Mr. E. H. Williams with not having paid duty on a quantity of tobacco.  
 Giving the facts, Mr. Grimmitt said that the defendant was arrested in Connaught Road West at about 7 o'clock this morning. He had four packets of tobacco in a shoe box, which had a lid on. Four other packets were found concealed in his girdle.  
 Defendant: I was carrying it for a friend.  
 His Worship imposed a fine of \$25 with the alternative of three weeks' hard labour.

ed the beginning of the year on the 31st of December, but Caesar, by the adoption of the Julian calendar, postponed it to the 1st of January. The Jews have always reckoned their civil year from the first day of the month of Tishri (September 6-October 5) but their ecclesiastical year begins at the spring equinox (March 21). The 25th of March was usual date among most Christian peoples in Mediaeval times. In Anglo-Saxon England, however, the 25th of December was New Year Day. At the Norman Conquest, owing, it is believed, to the coincidence of his coronation being arranged for that date, William the Conqueror, ordered that the year should start on the 1st of January. But later England began her year with the rest of Christendom on the 25th of March. The Gregorian calendar (1582) which restored the 1st of January to its position as New Year's Day was accepted by all Catholic countries at once, Germany, Denmark, and Sweden about 1700 but not until 1753 by England.

Christian Era.  
 In the year 527 the evidence as to the time of Christ's birth was not very dependable, and it is now believed by many scholars that the calculations on which the Christian Era was based were in error by from three to seven years. The new year therefore is called 1931 not because it is known to be 1900th and 31st year since the birth of Christ, but because a monk named Dionysius Exiguus wrongly calculated the birth year. If the present year bore its strictly proper label it would probably be numbered between 1934 and 1938 A.D.—United Press.

## SHOOTING OF NURSE CAVELL.

Vain Efforts to Stop Tragedy.

AMBASSADOR'S DIARY.

Brussels, Nov. 21.  
 Fresh light is thrown to-day on the Nurse Cavell tragedy by the publication for the first time of an extract from the diary of the Marquis de Villalobar, who, as Spanish Ambassador in Brussels during the War, played a prominent part in connection with the great drama.  
 The Marquis de Villalobar relates how Mr. Hugh Gibson, then First Secretary to the American Legation in Brussels, called on him on the night before the execution in a state of great distress, and how they went together to see Baron von der Lancken, the German Director of Political Affairs.  
 Baron von der Lancken told the Marquis that he had spoken to the Acting Governor about the matter, but that General von Sauberzweig was resolved to put Miss Cavell to death and that nothing would turn him from this course. The Marquis had a long conversation alone with the Baron, and declared that he was convinced that if the Englishwoman was executed all Great Britain, and, indeed, the whole British Empire, would rise to a man against Germany.

"He Wants To Kill Her."  
 Baron von der Lancken said that he realised all that, but that General von Sauberzweig was not to be moved—"He wants to kill her."  
 At last the Marquis persuaded the Baron to have one more interview with the implacable General. In twenty minutes he returned, and told the Marquis that it was hopeless. He was very much moved, and said that the General, who had already gone to bed, had received him most discourteously.  
 The Marquis then made his final throw. He suggested to the Baron that he should telephone the Emperor, whose headquarters were not far distant. Baron von der Lancken was stupefied at such a suggestion and kept on repeating, "Telephone the Emperor. But one can't telephone the Emperor."  
 The Marquis tells how the Baron came to see him a few weeks later, and informed him that when the Emperor learned of the execution he was very angry, and reprimanded those who had permitted it to take place. He gave orders that in future no woman was to be executed during the campaign.

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